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HITLER HAS INFORMED VICHY THAT A "COMPLETE AND RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND AND PUT INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY," ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM THE FRENCH FRONTIER TO THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The Vichy Government is understood still to be trying to play for time and to avoid a definite yes or no, but this time the German demands appear to be in the nature of an ultimatum.

No information on yesterday's French Cabinet meeting has been forthcoming.

Toulouse radio merely said it was "very important." Meanwhile Admiral Darlan will probably return to Paris this morning, according to well-informed circles in Vichy quoted by the Swiss radio.—Reuter.

Meeting Ends At
5.30 a.m.

THE FRENCH CABINET MEETING UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY LASTED TWO HOURS, ENDING AT 5.20 A.M. (G.M.T.)

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, WAS CONFINED TO THE STATEMENT THAT "ADMIRAL DARLAN REPORTED ON THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH HE HAD IN PARIS DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS. SUBSEQUENTLY THE MINISTERS DELIBERATED ON GENERAL POLICY." — REUTER.

WILLKIE IN
LISBON

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ARRIVED IN LISBON BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM ENGLAND ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Douglas airliner which brought him landed at the Cima aerodrome behind a stationary Junkers machine with the Swastika painted on it.

The Douglas liner taxied past the German machine and stopped in front. — Reuter.

GERMAN 'PLANE
CRASHES IN
COUNTY CORK

A German aircraft crashed yesterday morning in County Cork, it was officially announced in Dublin.

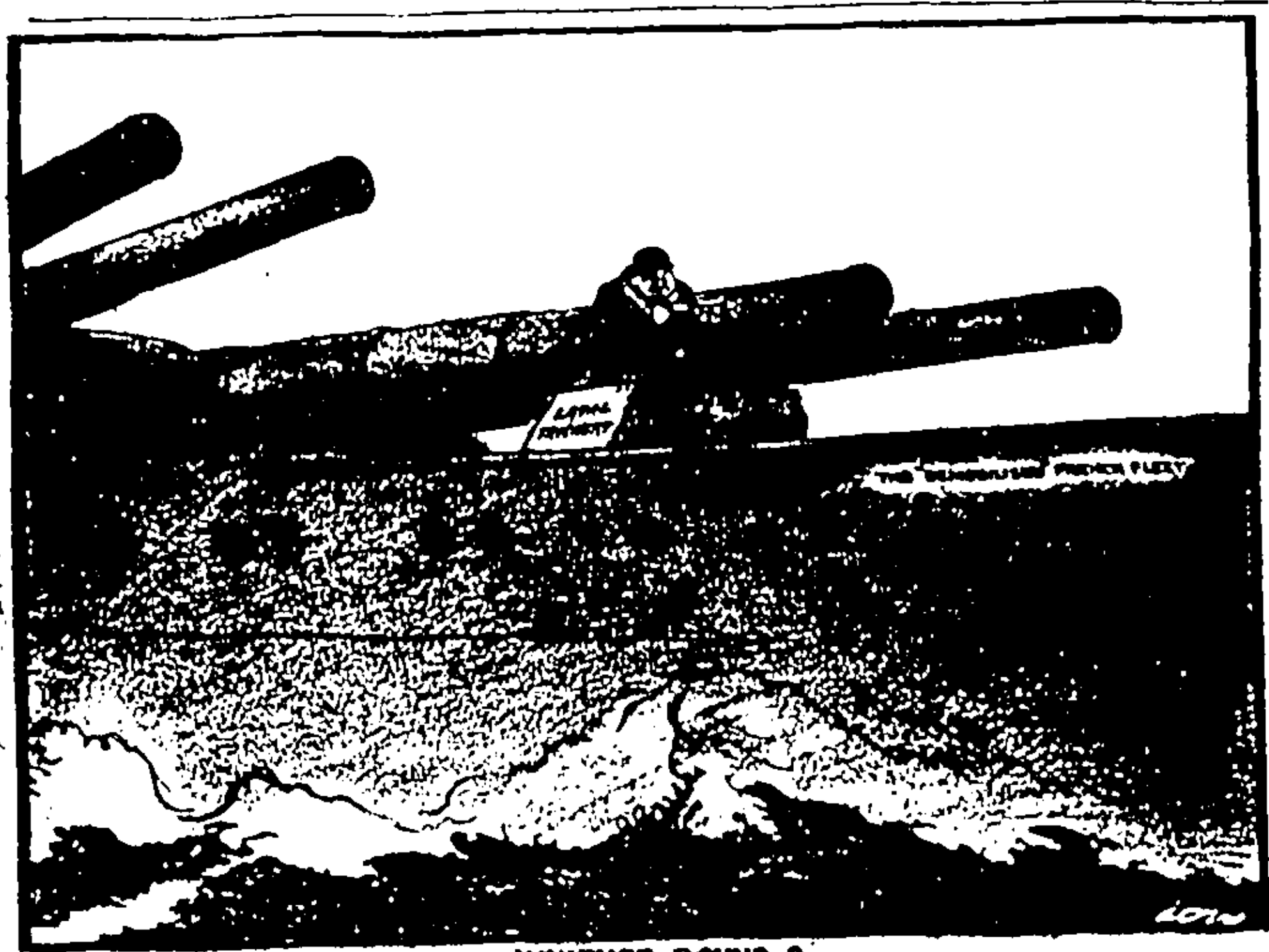
Five of the crew of six were killed, the sixth being badly injured. The plane was completely wrecked.

The plane seen was coming in over the bay with smoke pouring from it, crashed and burst into flames.—Reuter.

Laval's Intrigue

Pierre Laval lost his post in the Petain Government last December because he had completed negotiations with the Germans for them to have use of the French Fleet and occupy the French naval base at Bizerta.

This is according to information received in Washington yesterday from Europe by well-informed diplomatic quarters. On Laval's return to the Cabinet, it is learned from the same source Berlin is demanding fulfilment of the agreement but Marshal Petain is unwilling to agree. — Reuter.



WHITHER BOUND?

Playing
On Vichy
Nerves

While the Vichy Cabinet was meeting yesterday afternoon to head Admiral Darlan's report of his parley with the Germans in Paris, pressure was again applied through the voice of stuttgart radio station.

In a broadcast in the French language, the German announcer expressed himself pessimistically about the chances of an improved understanding between Vichy and Berlin.

"If," he stated, "the position remains as at present or changes for the worse, as it seems likely to do, Germany will have to be on her guard and will be obliged to require facilities from France and impose much more severe peace terms." — Reuter.

CABINET
CHANGES
LIKELY

The question of a successor to Lord Lloyd, Secretary of the Colonies, is complicated by the fact that Lord Lloyd was also Leader of the House of Lords.

Only other Secretary of State in the Lords is Viscount Cranborne, and he is a newcomer.

In some quarters the suggestion is made that Lord Harlech, who is now one of the Civil Defence Commissioners, be recalled to take over both positions, while others suggest that the Duke of Devonshire is in the running.

Constitutionally there must be two Secretaries of State in the Lords, so the present vacancy must be filled by a Peer.—Reuter.

R.A.F.
PATROLS
CHANNEL

The R.A.F. was very active over the English Channel and north-west France yesterday, states the Air Ministry.

Fighter patrols have been maintained resulting in the destruction of an enemy bomber over the Channel during the morning and a second during the afternoon.

Early in the afternoon a squadron of British bombers escorted by a considerable number of fighters, carried out a sweep over northern France during which aerodromes were successfully raided.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down in combat. — Reuter.

LITTLE
NAZI AIR
ACTIVITY

Although there was some enemy air activity off the east coast and south-east coast yesterday very few enemy aircraft flew inland, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a point in north-east Scotland and at a place in Kent but these did no damage and caused no casualties.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber in the morning.—Reuter.



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JAPANESE ATTACKING WAICHOW

Thousands More Troops Landed At Bias Bay

Battle Reported In Progress North Of Tamshui

ITALIAN PRISONERS RECAPTURED

Both the Italian prisoners who escaped from an internment camp near Calcutta on Tuesday have been recaptured. Reuter

GOERING CANNOT BEAT THIS

For 14 years, Mr. L. F. Guille, of Beckenham, has been collecting medal ribbons. To-day, he has probably the biggest and most comprehensive collection of "orders" in the world.

They include Service and civilian decoration ribbons, and Mr. Guille's collection, mounted and annotated in eight big volumes, contains at least 3,000.

Even the be-medalled Marshal Goering cannot hope to rival this. The collection is now housed in a strong room in London, where it will remain for the duration.

Mr. Guille can correspond in five languages, and this has been of great assistance to him in his hobby.

Among the specimens is a 9-in. wide red, white and blue ribbon of an order worn by Francisco Solano Lopez, the dictator of Paraguay, during the war of 1866-70 against Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

A close second for width is the orange ribbon of the House Order of the Sultan of Johore, which measures seven inches.

Mr. Guille knows of only three other collectors whose display can compare with his own. Two live in England, but the other, an American, died two years ago.

His volume covering the British Empire contains more than 700 pieces, including a V.C. ribbon, a treasure he tried to obtain for a long time.

France is represented by some 200 ribbons, including the most recent decoration, the Croix de Guerre of 1939. Four Fire Brigade ribbons were received from Holland a few days after that country had been invaded by the Germans.

Germany itself occupies a whole volume, with more than 450 specimens. One which Mr. Guille succeeded in obtaining was the special ribbon used on the Grand Cross of the German Eagle, given to Mussolini by Hitler when the Fuehrer visited Rome.

Recent acquisitions include the Meritorious Service Medal, just instituted by the Southern Railway. The ribbon shows lines and sleepers in yellow on a green background.

And now Mr. Guille is waiting to add the ribbons of the new George Cross and George Medal to his collection.

LAND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHIUKWAN, THE KWANGTUNG WARTIME CAPITAL, HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SEVERED WITH THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF TAMSHUI AND SHA-YU-CHUNG.

Several Japanese transports arrived in Bias Bay yesterday and thousands of additional troops were landed and sent up into the interior. Heavy artillery were also landed.

The Japanese are reported to be converging on Waichow which last night was still in the hands of the Chinese, who have been reinforced by troops sent from the Shukwan area.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese advance is at present halted midway between Waichow and Tamshui and a pitched battle was in progress last night.

The invading troops from Shumchun passed through Ping Wu and Lung Lung and reached Tamshui yesterday afternoon, after which they struck out northwards in the direction of Waichow.

Waichow Bombed

Waichow was bombed by Japanese aircraft yesterday but details are lacking.

Some 6,000 Japanese troops have been concentrated at Shuklung, on the East River, and part of this force is reported to have left the town in the direction of Waichow proceeding along the East River, supported by aircraft. Waichow is apparently being attacked from three directions.

No Border Influx

There has been no influx of refugees from Chinese territory at the border but all precautions to deal with such a situation have been taken by the authorities.

Police patrols have been increased and the Immigration staff has also been reinforced.

Refugees willing to enter refugee camps will be allowed to do so while others will be treated as ordinary immigrants without immigration papers.

BIRTHDAY OF AN "EMPEROR"

TOWNS IN MANCHUKUO WILL BE BEFLAGGED TO-DAY ON THE OCCASION OF THE EMPEROR'S THIRTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY. WHILE GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL CELEBRATE ALL DAY.

The holiday will be observed by several appropriate ceremonies. In the morning, the Emperor will personally worship at the State Foundation Shrine in the Imperial Palace. — Reuter.

SIR RODERICK JONES RETIRES

After being the head of Reuter's for the last quarter of a century and having completed 40 years of service with the company, Sir Roderick Jones, who succeeded Baron de Reuter in 1915, has resigned his position as Chairman and Managing Director. It was announced in London yesterday, says a Reuter despatch.

NEW-BORNS DIDN'T WAKE

Mothers in the maternity block of a London hospital hit during a night raid, longest of the war, took refuge under their beds.

Their newly-born babies slept through it all. "They didn't seem to be in the least upset," said one mother.

"Our beds were littered with broken glass from the ward windows."

The bomb fell on the boiler-house, killing the stoker, but not one of the patients was hurt.

Three 30lb. marine boilers, each containing about eighteen tons of water, were blown from their bases.

Greater Casualties

Italian bombers are believed to have taken part in the raid on the north-east coast area. Though the longest over the area, it was one of the least effective.

A Midland town was heavily attacked and it is feared the casualties, including both dead and injured, were greater than in any previous raid on the town.

There were raids also on several places in South-East England and other isolated attacks.

Scores of incendiary bombs were dropped within the London area during the night, falling in streets and at the backs of houses. Some fell on the roof of a church.

It is feared there were many casualties at a public-house which received a direct hit by a high-explosive bomb. Rescue parties were still digging in the debris.

A car standing outside the public-house was completely wrecked and the occupants killed.

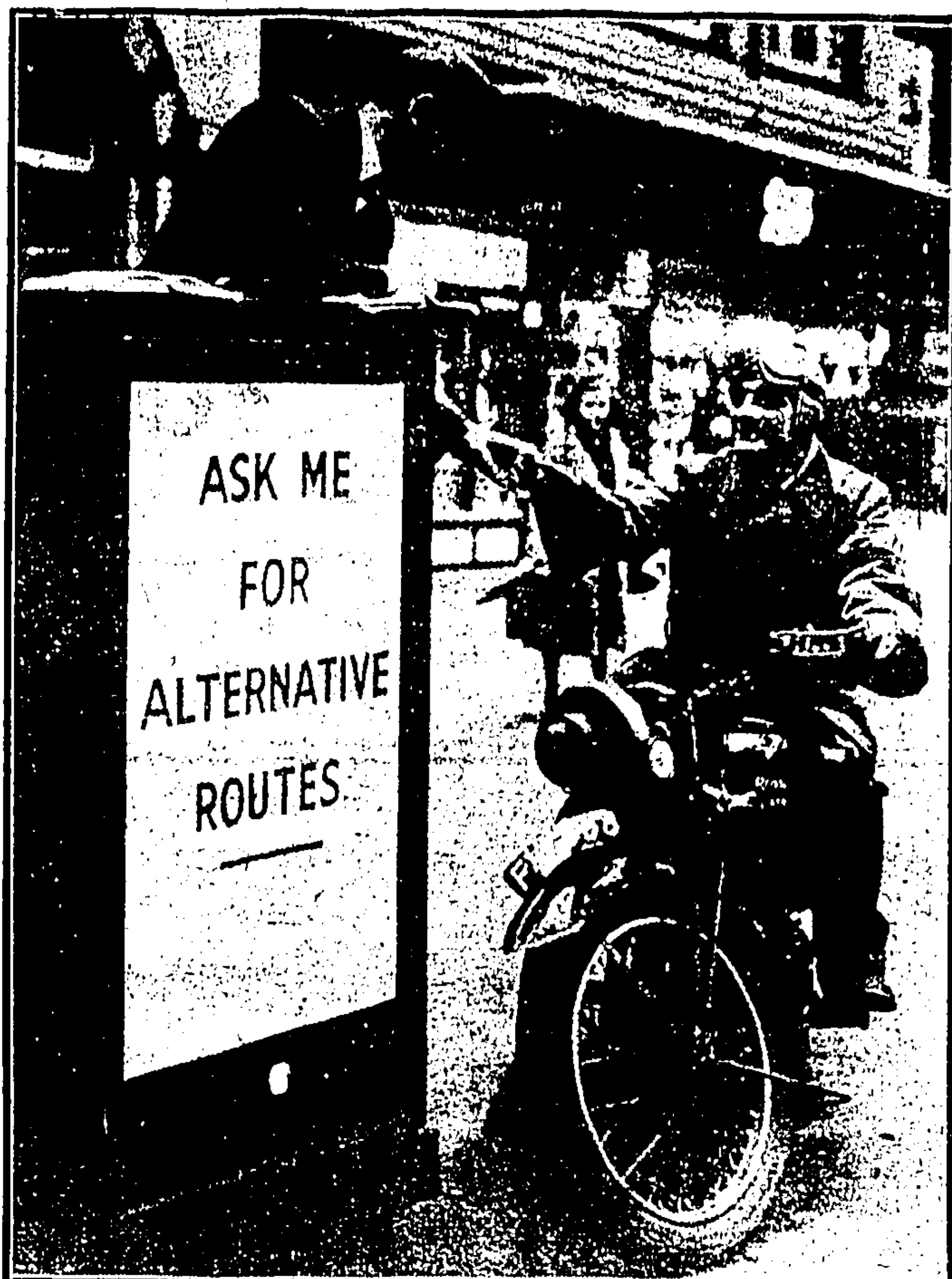
Warden Killed

An air raid warden was killed while on duty when struck by a splinter from a bomb which wrecked three houses and partially destroyed others.

A bomb which fell outside a large shop did not explode until the next day, when blast damaged houses, in one of which a man and a woman were killed. Six girls were trapped in a basement shelter in the same area. Four were rescued alive; the other two had not been located several hours later.

Services were held as usual in a parish church in a village in the Home Counties, which, with the adjoining church hall, was damaged by a high-explosive bomb.

A bomber, believed to have been attracted by an unscreened light, dropped a high explosive bomb in a residential area of a town in the Home Counties, wrecking two houses and damaging six others. A number of people were injured.



The Southern Railway Company have made arrangements to have an emergency despatch rider service to their information kiosks should telephones be out of order. Photo shows a railway despatch rider giving a message to the "Information Man." (Copyright, Fox).

DIMINUTION OF ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN

DIMINUTION OF THE anti-British campaign in North China is indicated in latest reports, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply to a question by Major-General Sir Alfred Knox (Cons.) in the Commons yesterday regarding the activities of subordinate Japanese officials.

Mr. Butler said, however, that there was a certain amount of press agitation.

Major-General Knox asked how much in arrears are payments of interest to British bond-holders secured on the Chinese Customs, the position in relation to the Chinese Government, and whether the Inspector-General of Customs can allocate from Customs revenue without interference by the Japanese in occupied areas.

Mr. Butler, in a written reply, said that apart from amounts allocated for the upkeep of the Customs establishment, Customs revenue collected in occupied areas is paid into Japanese-controlled banks, and none of it is remitted to the Inspector-General for other purposes.

Consequently the Chinese Government decided, from January 15, 1939, to suspend the service of loans secured on the Customs. British bond-holders had not received interest since. — Reuter.

CARGO SHIP BILL PASSES

The House of Representatives in Washington yesterday accepted the Senate's amendments to the Bill for construction of a fleet of 200 cargo ships and the Bill was forwarded to the White House for signature.

President Roosevelt recently asked Congress for an appropriation of \$13,000,000 to cover the cost of building these vessels. — Reuter.

BRITISH HOLDINGS CANARD

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY HAS NOTIFIED THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT THREE LARGE BRITISH-OWNED INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS—LEVER BROTHERS, THE AMERICAN VISCOSSE CORPORATION AND THE DUNLOP TYRE COMPANY—AS WELL AS SMALLER PRIVATE HOLDING COMPANIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ASSETS WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GAVE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SHOW THAT IT WOULD SOON RUN OUT OF ITS DOLLAR EXCHANGE FOR BUYING OF WAR SUPPLIES.

This information was made public in a letter to Senator Byrne which refuted the statement made on Tuesday by General Robert Wood, Chairman of the Board of Sears Roebuck and Company.

General Wood had said that he did not believe that British interests in such large companies as those mentioned, and in cotton plantations and other holdings, were listed. — Reuter.

Italians Discover New Turn Of Speed In Retreat

Beetling For Benghazi At Thirty Miles Per Day

NATIVE TROOPS CAPTURE ITALIAN POST

Strong native African fighting patrols successfully attacked and captured Beles Gugani, a defended Italian post inside the Italian Somaliland border, according to last night's Nairobi communique.

The communique adds that pursuit of the enemy is being carried out.—Reuter.

Sabotage By The Czechs

Large-scale sabotage of food supplies for Germany has been reported to Berlin by German agricultural agents in Prague, according to news reaching London yesterday.

A message says that last year 250,000 pigs, calves and cattle were secretly slaughtered and at least 300,000 tons of meat prevented from reaching Germany.

Thirteen thousand wagonloads of grain were also successfully hidden.

No food census or house inspections have been ordered as the Germans fear this would cause more supplies to be destroyed in panic.

New punishments have been devised to prevent such sabotage, the least being a fine of 10,000 crowns with six months imprisonment.—Reuter.

LEAGUE DEPARTMENTS FUNCTIONING

THE WORK OF THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL SECTIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, TEMPORARILY DOMICILED IN CANADA, IS CARRYING ON AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON NORMAL LINES.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, told the Commons at question time yesterday that it was the British Government's desire to make the best practical use of these organisations.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with British Headquarters in the Middle East)

THE SPEED OF THE ITALIAN WITHDRAWAL IN LIBYA, ERITREA AND ABYSSINIA HAS SHOWN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE LAST 36 HOURS.

The retreat towards Benghazi is proceeding at the rate of 20 to 30 miles a day.

Concentrated bombing by the R.A.F. is causing heavy casualties.

With the troops are hundreds of Italian settlers who arrived in this region with their families only three years ago.

British troops, following close behind along two parallel roads running west from Cyrene to Benghazi, are meeting with little opposition.

The country behind the British and Benghazi is completely lacking in fortified positions.

Next Objective

Barce, which is the eastern terminus of the Benghazi railway, is presumably the next British objective.

Though Appollonia, near Cyrene, has not been mentioned in British communications it can be assumed that it has been abandoned by the Italians.

A Rout!

In Eritrea the Italian withdrawal towards the south-east from Barentu has degenerated into a rout.

The fleeing Italians are abandoning supplies of all sorts in their haste to reach the main Asmara-Addis Ababa road.

In Abyssinia the British pursuit of the Italian column retreating towards Gondar, north of Lake Tana, is stated to be continuing in spite of the enemy's delaying tactics.—Reuter.

1,500 More Prisoners In Eritrea

FIFTEEN HUNDRED PRISONERS, MOST OF THEM WHITE, HITHERTO HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE BRITISH FORCES PURSUING THE ITALIANS RETREATING TOWARDS THE RED SEA ALONG ERITREA'S ONLY RAILWAY.

Much material has been abandoned by the enemy.

The mechanised Sudan Defence Force is carrying out the pursuit, which began with the capture of Barentu last week-end.

Road Mined

In the Umm-Hagar area, near the Abyssinian frontier, large quantities of mechanised transport, some of which is in good condition, are falling into British hands.

Contact is being maintained with a patriot army in the Walkait region in north-west Abyssinia.

The enemy have laid minefields along the 90-mile road leading to Gondar from the Sudan but British mobile units continue to make satisfactory progress.—Reuter.

Stragglers Captured

Urged on by British and Imperial troops the Italians in Libya are increasing the speed of their withdrawal towards Benghazi, and hitherto 400 stragglers have been captured.

This was revealed in yesterday's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo.

The communique also announced that in Eritrea British operations about Keren are developing successfully.

Meanwhile the Italian forces retreating eastwards from Barentu and Biacundi are being heavily pressed, leaving all routes littered with gear, war material and vehicles.

Hundreds Of Prisoners

In addition to those already recorded, many hundreds of prisoners have been captured.

In Abyssinia the British advance eastwards on the Gondar road is also progressing, while in the southern area South African troops are consolidating enemy positions recently captured.

British patrols in Italian Somaliland continue to be active in all sectors. One patrol on Tuesday attacked and captured an enemy post 45 miles inside the Italian frontier.—Reuter.

WIFE OF OFFICER IN SLUM

The young wife of a junior Army officer was compelled to move out of her home and go into the slums with her baby and do charring, because she received such a small allowance.

Her case is to be taken up by Mr. E. W. Salt M.P. for Yardley, Birmingham.

He is to ask the Minister for War, whether he is aware of the hardships endured by wives of junior Army officers under thirty, who receive 21s. a week allowance against 42s. allowance for husbands over thirty.

In a letter to Mr. Salt, the wife wrote:—

"My husband joined up to do his bit for his country, but I have had to suffer for it. I have already had to give up my home and get a job although I am in poor health and have a five-month-old baby."

Mr. Salt told a reporter: "In this case the husband is a smart man for twenty-six. He had a good job as a Civil Servant and he and his wife lived in a nice house in a residential part of Birmingham."

"I know that his wife has been compelled to move into the slums and do all kinds of work, including charring, to keep herself and her baby. It is a disgrace that because a woman marries an officer under thirty she should receive only half the allowance."

"It is an old-fashioned Army order originally made to discourage young officers in the Army from marrying."



THE PREMIER INSPECTS THE COAST DEFENCES.—Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, accompanied by the First Sea Lord (Sir Dudley Pound) and General Brooke, made an inspection recently of the first line defences on the coast. Photo shows Mr. Churchill leading the way up the plank to inspect some of the defences. (Copyright, Fox).

CAPT. ABEL BEST'S DEATH: CHINA SEA MEMORIES

CAPTAIN ABEL MARDLAN BEST, whose death at the age of 82 was announced yesterday, went to sea for over 60 years, half his service being off the China Coast.

Interviewed recently he described Chinese pirates and dope smugglers as "a picnic compared with the bulls and bears of Wall Street."

NAZI WENT DOWN FIGHTING

In a combat over Sussex, a Messerschmitt pilot, smoke pouring from his damaged machine, gave fight to a pursuing Spitfire.

The British pilot, a flying officer, was leading his section on patrol when about 30 Messerschmitts 109 were sighted 2,000 feet below. As the rest of the squadron dived to attack, the flying officer saw six Messerschmitts circling above.

"I immediately joined in the circle with another Spitfire," he said, "and when I reckoned the squadron was well on its way down, I attacked a Messerschmitt 109 in front of me with a three seconds burst at 150 yards."

"The other enemy aircraft immediately dispersed and I was surprised and delighted to find that the one I attacked climbed to port and put up a fight, while smoke was issuing from its engine."

"I circled one and a half times before closing once more to point blank range with a three seconds

After retirement he speculated on the New York Stock Market and lost his life savings, but was not down-hearted and lived at the Royal Alfred Home for aged merchant seamen at Belvedere, Kent.

Born in India he came to England at the age of two. Sent to sea in the tough old days of 1876 he spent 30 years in the Chinese Customs and skippered cargo-boats running from Swatow to Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok.

He retired at 73 and went to England in 1932 "after finding my share of dividends wouldn't buy me a cup of tea daily."

He had strong views on the international situation. "If I had my way I'd treat some of those continental fellows like we used to treat Chinese dope smugglers—hang 'em," he said.—Reuter.

burst which caused him to half-roll down. I followed easily and gave another two seconds burst."

"He continued to dive towards the ground, and to prevent him hedge hopping away in case he wasn't finished, I gave him another two seconds burst, which sent him crashing into a field somewhere between East Grinstead and Tunbridge Wells."

"I circled a couple of minutes and saw troops dashing to the wreckage as I returned to base."

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BASIL RATHBONE

R.A.F. BOMBERS GIVE NO RESPITE TO FLEEING ITALIANS

BOMBER AIRCRAFT of the R.A.F. on
Tuesday made repeated raids on Barce,
Berka, Benina and Italian lines of communi-
cation to Benghazi.

Between Maraua and Barce motor trans-
port was heavily attacked and much damage
caused. Barce railway station was also raid-
ed and three direct hits registered on the track
near the station.

Hangars were hit at Berka and
a large fire started at Benina.
An R.A.F. communique from
Middle East Headquarters in
Cairo announcing these operations
says British fighter patrols were
active and two Italian machines
were shot down.

An enemy flyingboat anchored
off To metta was destroyed and
an enemy bomber crashed at
Appollinia.

A fighter squadron of the South
African Air Force has had repeat-
ed successes in supporting the
army offensive in Eritrea.

Azoza Attack

It attacked a landing ground
near Azoza, where five Italian
machines, already bombed, were
set on fire.

During an engagement in the
Asmara area aircraft of the same
squadron intercepted enemy
fighters and shot down one.

Another was machine-gunned
on the ground and destroyed.

At Terani, four machines
were observed burnt out on the
landing ground while three
others, in an unserviceable con-
dition due to air attacks, were
captured at Barentu.

In addition R.A.F. bombers raid-
ed a number of military objectives
in Eritrea.

Motor transport were set on fire
on the Metemma-Gondar road
and between Asmara and Keren
a motor convoy was attacked.

Gura Raid

The aerodrome at Gura was
raided and three direct hits regis-
tered on hangars, causing much
damage.

Motor transport were attacked
at Maka'e and three Italian ma-
chines destroyed on the ground
and others damaged.

Enemy fighters intercepted the
R.A.F. bombers but the raid was
successfully completed without
damage to the British aircraft.
In southern Abyssinia aircraft
of the South African Air Force
continued to support the army, and
one fighter pilot alone shot down
three Italian planes.

Raid On Malta

Enemy aircraft raided Malta on
Tuesday but were intercepted by
British fighters and at least three
Italian machines were shot down.
Others were severely damaged.

Some slight damage was caus-
ed to buildings.
With the exception of one bomb-
er and one fighter all British air-
craft returned safely to base from
all these operations.—Reuter.

DULL SESSION ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange
yesterday drifted down in a dull
session but closed steadier under
the leadership of gilt-edged, which
rallied on renewed institutional
buying. Industrials were rather
heavy while home rails paused
but Kaffirs were steadily held.
Oils occasionally improved. Ja-
panese bonds were inclined to
narden and speculative buying of
European issues was again in
evidence. Wall Street was firm.
—Reuter.

BALLOON WENT UP

A balloon crew was working on
the balloon bed before reinflating
when a raid began. The time was
1327 hours. Eight bombs fell near
the site and a crater was made 20
yards from the bed. One bomb
ten yards away did not explode
and the site was temporarily un-
serviceable.

Work was begun immediately
on a new site 250 yards away.
Then another raid started. The
time was 1824 hours. A large
number of bombs were dropped,
eight of which were unexploded
and near the new site. The work
had to be abandoned and a third
site was chosen.

Work on the new bed began at
dawn. More equipment had been
collected and the balloon was fly-
ing at 1530 hours.

Next day at 1620 hours the
balloon was shot down. A 500 lb
bomb fell within 50 yards of the
bed and three more in a field
close by. The gas trailer was
thrown into the air and all the
bottles scattered. The bed itself
was not badly damaged. No bot-
tles exploded and there were no
casualties to personnel.

As soon as the raid was over
the crew salvaged as much as
possible of the cable; another bal-
loon was delivered and the crew
collected the scattered bottles, re-

CUBAN TROUBLE SETTLED

President Batista
has issued a decree
restoring the constitu-
tional guarantees of
Cuba, which were
suspended on Tues-
day morning when he
took swift action
against an alleged at-
tempt to overthrow
him and opposed the
chiefs of the armed
forces and other offi-
cers.—Reuter.

inflated their balloon and had it
flying again by 2030 hours.

Between the afternoon of the
first day and the evening of the
third the crew were bombed out
of two sites and the balloon on
their site was shot down and re-
placed.

(When the Squadron Command-
er proposed relieving the crew,
they asked to be allowed to stay.

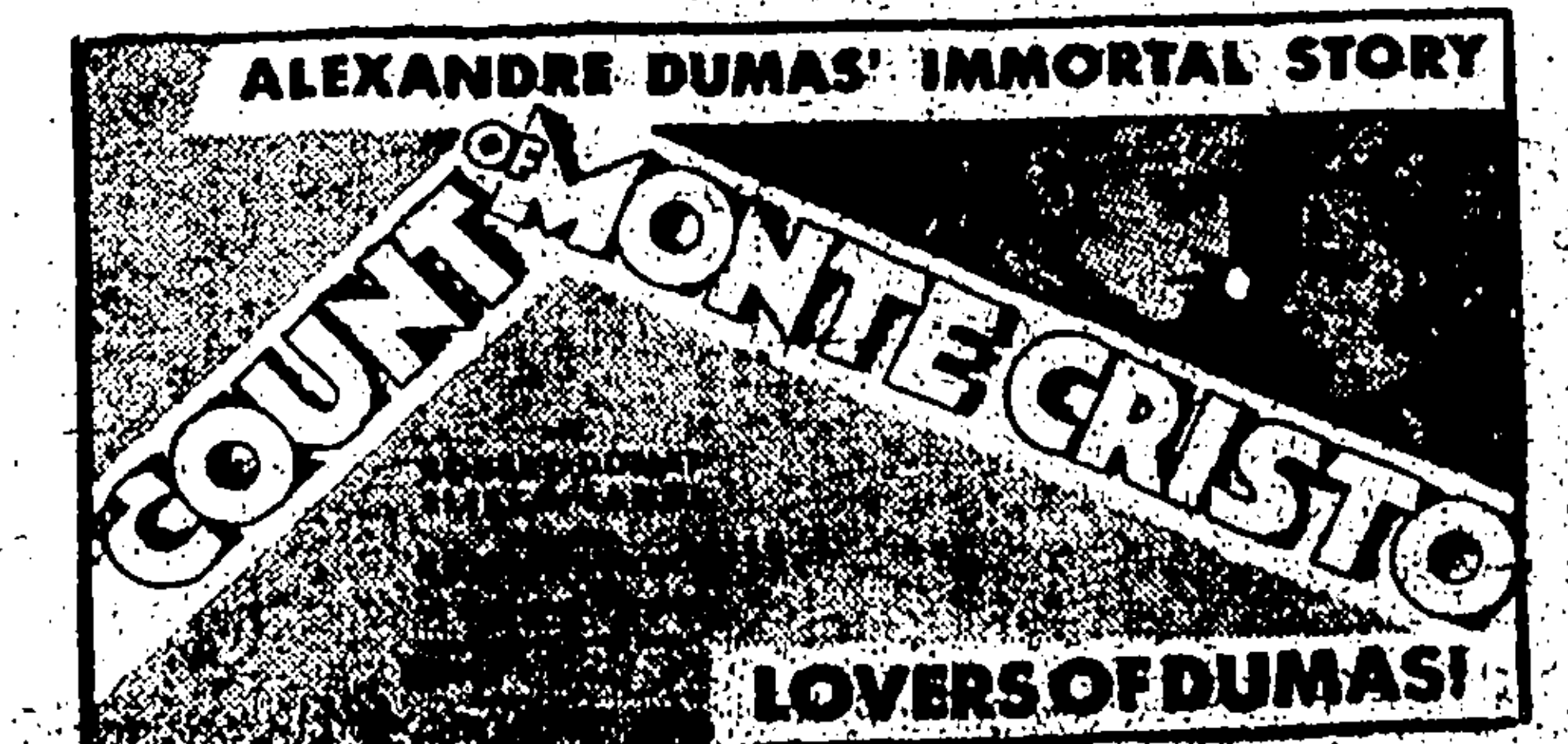
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By BUD FISHER



HIS "BAG" AFTER ALL

A fighter pilot who reported "no results" from an attack on an Me.110 near the south coast the other day, was afterwards able to claim the Messerschmidt as a definite "bag." This is how it happened.

His original report looked no more promising than hundreds of others.

"I climbed up by myself," the Flying Officer said, "and made two attacks on a circus of 15-20 Me's 110 at 18,000 feet over the coast. I gave two bursts. No results were observed."

So far, his story is that of any other inconclusive encounter. There are many of these passing attacks of which the public never hear. Many more of the enemy, though claimed by the R.A.F. pilots as "probable" or "badly damaged" cannot be confirmed for publication as having been "destroyed."

Unless the crash is seen either by himself or by another pilot at the time, the pilot responsible seldom hears the answer. Particularly in these days of "high flying Messerschmidt" with cloud all too often below to conceal the result, there must be many winged birds which are never claimed as down.

This time, the Flying Officer was in luck. Soon after landing, he learned that an Me.110 had crashed at the right time in a nearby bay. As no other pilot in his own or any other squadron had so much as opened fire on an Me.110—Me's 109 had been the main target that day—he was told that the "110" must be his.

B.B.C. ADAPTED

Royal Air Force pilots have discovered several ways of adapting the B.B.C. announcers' preamble—"Here is the one o'clock news and this is So and So reading it to you." One heavy bomber squadron which has amusing emblems drawn by the Padre on most of its aircraft, displays one showing a wireless announcer with the caption:—"Here is a bomb, and this is No. 842 Squadron handing it to you."

Even in the Intelligence room, where crews are interrogated after a raid, the joke is carried on. In the early hours of a morning recently, the captain of an aircraft back from Berlin, marched brightly up to the interrogating officer's table followed by his crew and announced in an imposing voice:—"Here is the 3 a.m. line, and this Flying Officer Jones shooting it."

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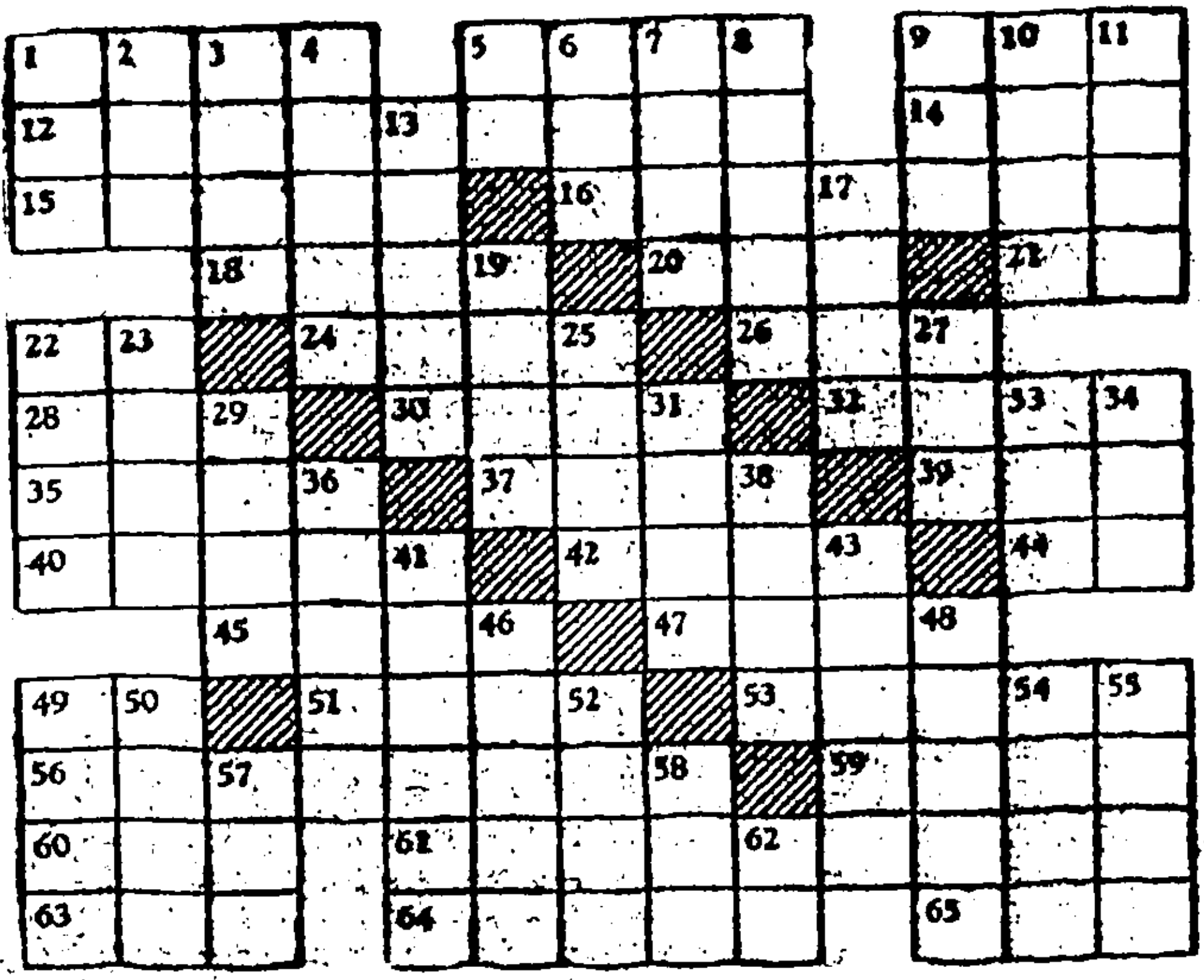
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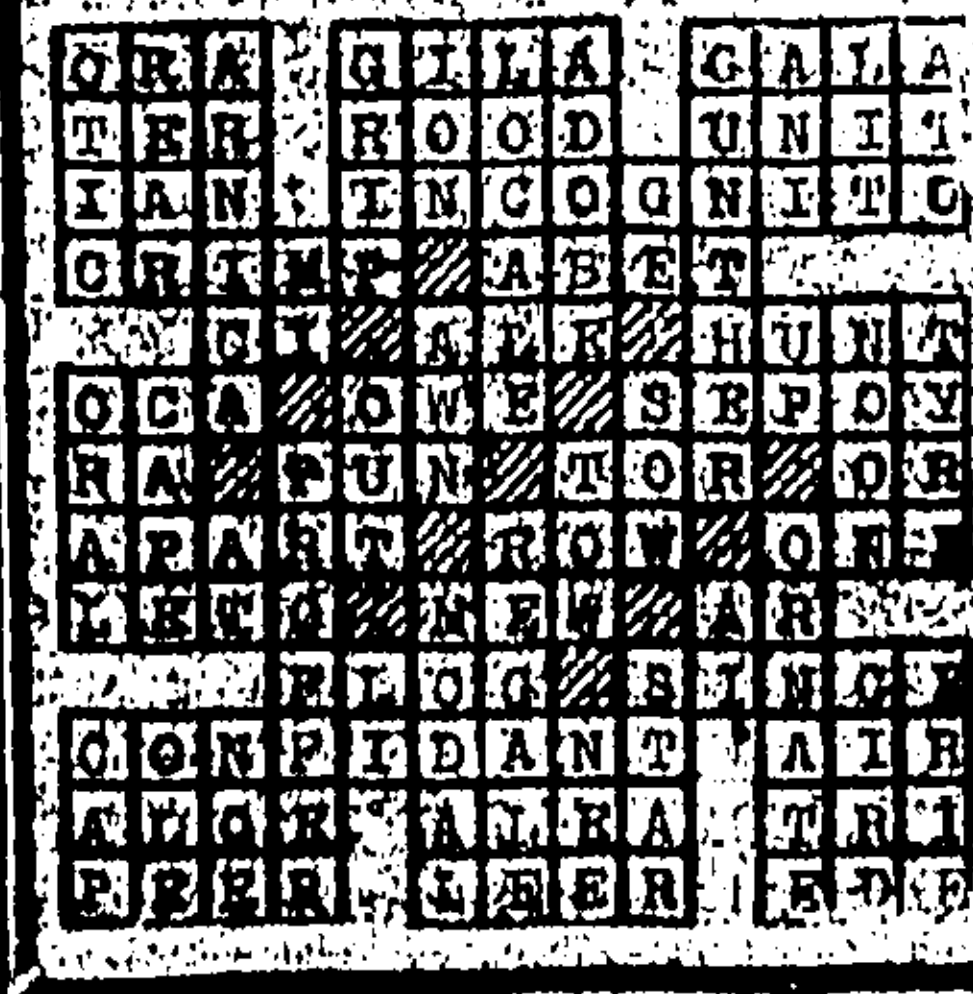
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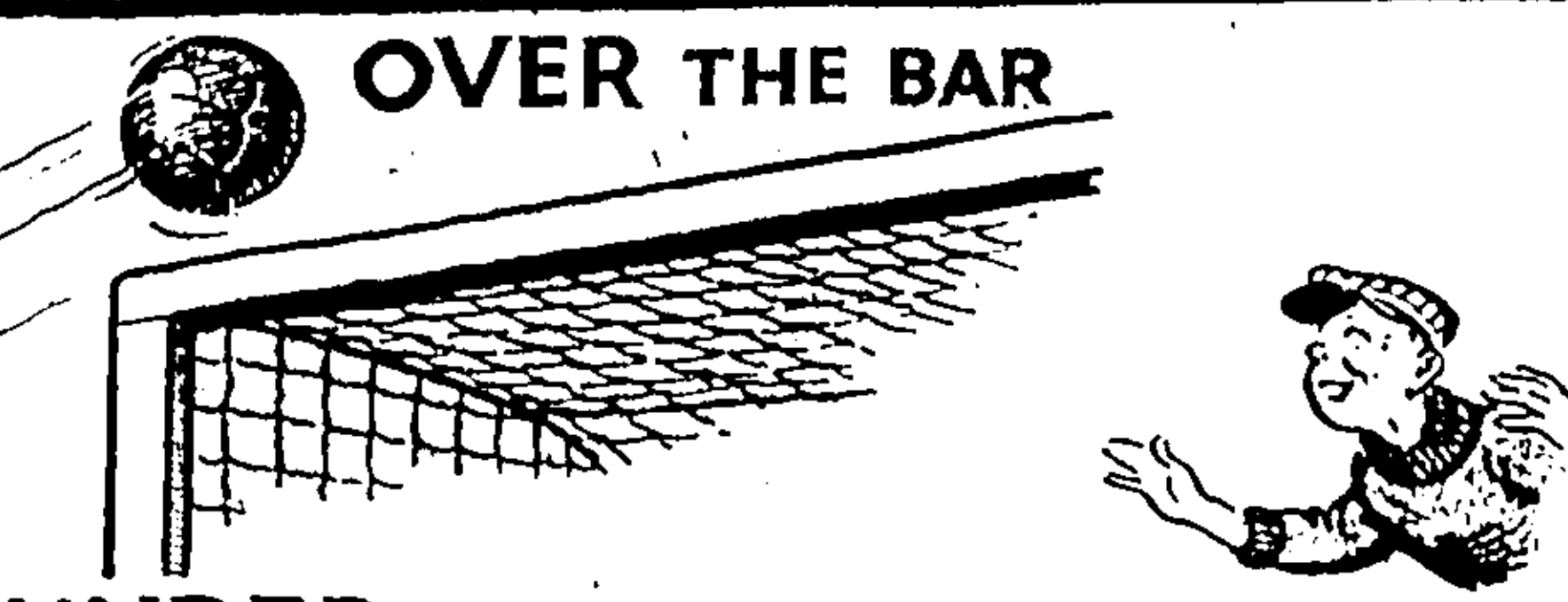


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22. Spanish article
24. Hindu deity
26. Land measure
28. Rodent
30. Colloquial: to annoy
32. Plaited collar
35. To cut according to regimen
37. Missile weapon
39. By birth
40. Harsh
42. Asiatic kingdom
44. Pronoun
45. Grape refuse
47. To break
49. Note of scale
51. Soft part of fruit
53. Large French gentleman
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2. Unit
3. Serf
4. Loans
5. Exists
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7. Sicilian volcano
8. Rhythm
9. Herd of whales
10. Egyptian crown
11. To interpret
13. Lowest point
17. Ancient lyre
19. Eager
23. Wagnerian character
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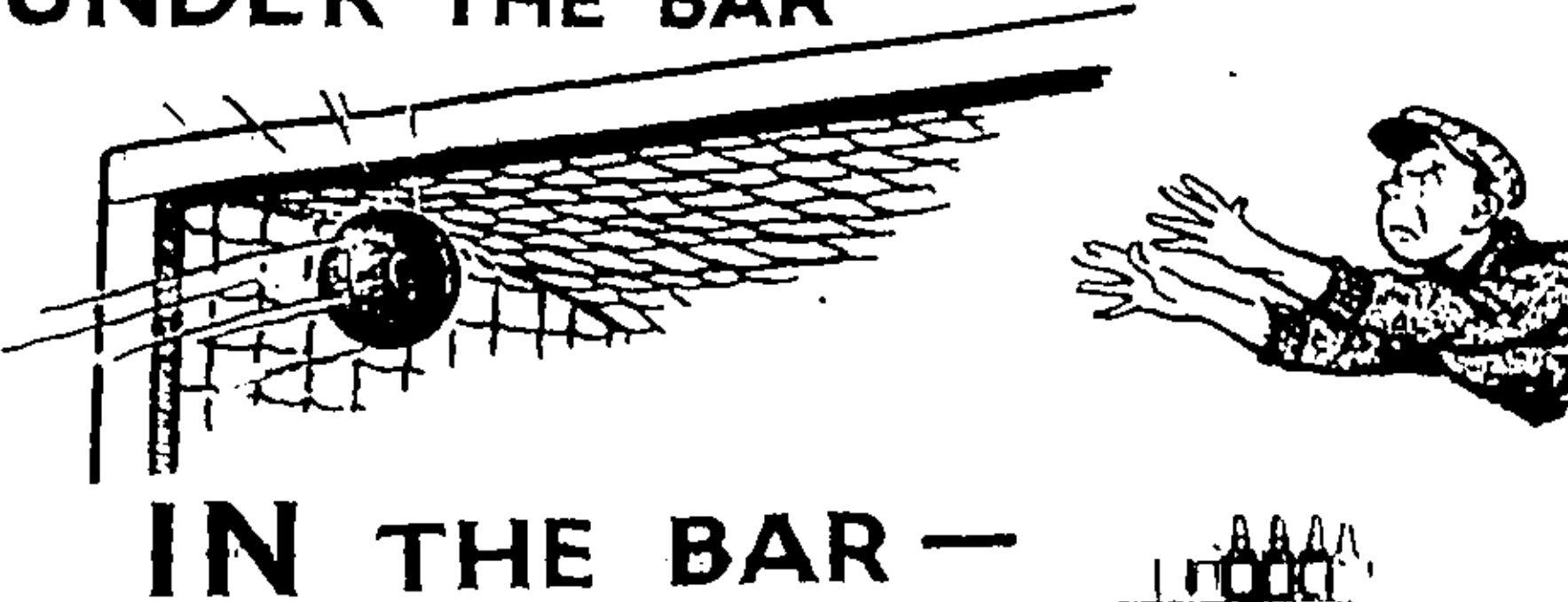
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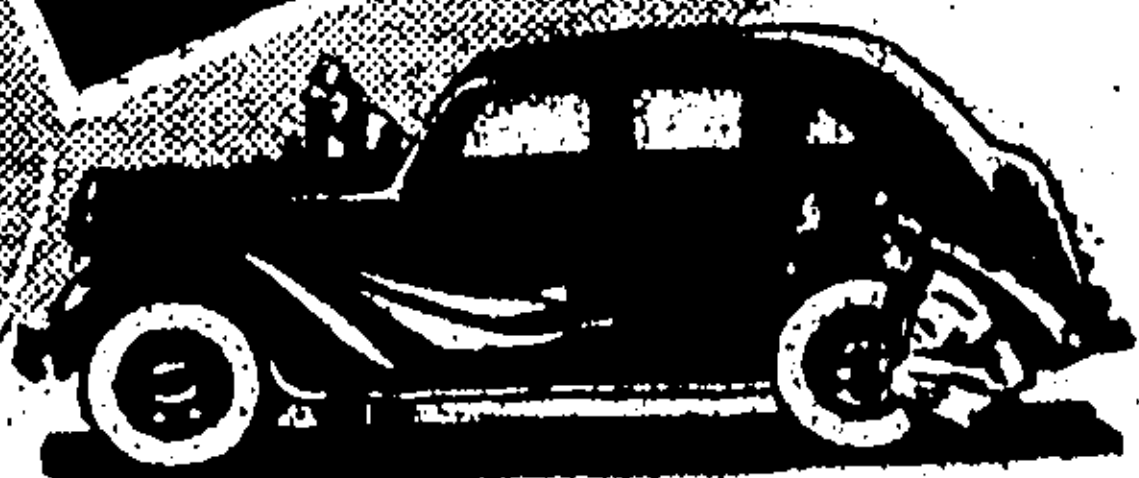
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FEWER CORSETS FOR THE WOMEN OF BRITAIN

MR. OLIVER LYTTTELTON, President of the Board of Trade, has made a new order cutting down supplies of goods classed as luxuries, which will call for more sacrifices from women and children than from men.

For women there will be only half the supplies of corsets stocked in retail shops a year ago, a third of the gloves, a quarter of the household goods made of lace, and a quarter of the fur-lined clothes.

Women are also primarily interested in these cuts:

A quarter of the mattresses containing metal springs.

Two-thirds of the down quilts and sleeping bags.

A third of the carpets and rugs containing wool.

Half the pottery.

A quarter of the fancy goods, household goods and toilet requisites, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' ware, and perfumery and toilet preparations.

Men are favoured. Shaving creams, for instance, are exempt from the restrictions, and most of the reductions in which they are interested are not personal necessities.

Trunks And Bags

For example, office furniture is reduced to one-quarter of last year's supply, and trunks and bags to one-third.

Cameras and photographic papers, musical instruments and sports goods, and machinery are all reduced to one-quarter of last year's supply.

The new limitations will operate for six months.

Mr. Lyttelton, announcing his new order, said: "This war is going to be more uncomfortable for all of us than it has been up to now."

"I think it is well that the public should realise that."

He explained that these cuts were being made not because there was a shortage of goods, but so that raw materials, plant capacity and workers should be released to make munitions and provide equipment for the Forces.

Control By Prices

The reductions will be based on prices. If £1,000,000 worth of cameras were sold in the half-year from December 1, 1939, in the six months beginning next December 1 £250,000 worth only will be retained.

But instead of selling, say, 125,000 cameras at £2 each, retailers may sell 250,000 at £1 each.

"I feel sure," said Mr. Lyttelton, "that the people of this country will be glad to dispense with many of their luxuries, if, by doing so, they can feel they are adding to our production of aeroplanes, tanks and equipment."

"I do not intend to disguise, but rather throw into relief, the fact that consumers are being asked to do without luxuries, and, indeed, to do without some things which our high standard of life has led us to regard as nearly necessities."

TWINS ARE BLACK AND WHITE!

Mrs. Herbert Strong, a negress, of Hockerton, North Carolina, has given birth to twins, one of which is white and the other black.

The twins, a white son and a black daughter, were born last September, but they have been concealed indoors until now because their Negro father, simple, coal-black Herbert Strong, feared that the "world would talk."

But now the secret is out, the parents are being besieged for film and vaudeville offers amounting to many thousands of dollars.

The father, told a New York correspondent: "We are flocked to death at having twins, but, gosh, how folk will gossip when they hear one is white."

Scientists believe that, either Mrs. Strong or her husband, had had a white ancestor.

GIRLS FIND THE FLAWS

In a London factory sits a row of pretty girls each with an eye concentrated on a microscope examining the crystal surface of lenses, which appear to have reached the limit of smooth, glittering perfection.

From time to time one of the "perfect" lenses is set aside, rejected because it contains a flaw so minute that you and I might search for it in vain.

This is one of the dozens of stages through which a binocular lens has to pass.

Seven-Year Training

Girls are chosen exclusively for this stage of the work, because their eyes are sharper to detect a flaw than a man's vision is.

Probably no product demands a higher degree of perfection than the lenses for binoculars, telescopes, periscopes and range finders.

That is why it is impossible to increase production to any great extent.

It may take as long as seven years to produce a good craftsman.

No Dampness

Even the final polishing of the prisms and lenses calls for minute precautions. Girls for this work have to be chosen not only for their ability as workers but because they have exceptionally dry hands.

Some 14,000 binoculars have been received as a result of the Government's last two appeals. It is calculated that there are at least 100,000 binoculars in the possession of private individuals, and these the Government urgently needs.

DANES KEPT SILENT

A German soldier on getting into a tram in Copenhagen made an inquiry of the conductor in German. The conductor did not reply.

The soldier then turned to the passengers, who numbered 20, and asked if anyone spoke German. There was still no reply. The German then left the tram, shouting angrily: "Some of you know German but will not speak to me."

A business man who tells the story, quoted by Reuters, was one of the passengers. He speaks German well. So did at least four of the other passengers.

WOULDN'T WEAR HAT: SACKED

Because she wouldn't wear a hat to work, a young shorthand typist was dismissed from her job.

The firm of milliners for whom she worked dismissed her without notice, but the legal department of the Shop Assistants' Union has secured her wages in lieu of notice.

NATION'S LAUNDRIES TO CLOTHE RAID VICTIMS

BRITAIN'S LAUNDRIES are to become a great network of depots for the collection, cleaning and storage of clothing for air-raid victims and refugees.

Laundry proprietors and their staffs will do the work voluntarily. A ready-made organisation exists to put the scheme into instant operation.

Originator of it is Miss Florence Howey, chief supervisor at a Sunderland laundry.

Her governing director, Mr. H. Lumsden Taylor, told a reporter: "After hearing a broadcast appeal for clothes Miss Howey came to me and suggested we should send to London a big parcel of our stock goods. I agreed."

"Then it dawned on me that the laundries spread all over the country would be a perfect medium for the collection and distribution of second-hand clothing."

"I put it up to the London headquarters of our Institution of British Launderers. They had just been bombed, but that didn't stop our general secret-

tary, Mr. J. J. Stark, from going right ahead with the scheme."

Seek Public's Help

The Women's Voluntary Service organisation at once agreed to distribute the clothing when necessary.

Thousands of patients have been printed and they will be sent to all laundry customers inviting them to cooperate. Their gifts will be collected by the laundry vans, washed and stored.

There are 2,500 laundries in Britain, so the new scheme means that there will be spread all over the country a vast number of depots ready to provide victims and others with clean clothing on instant demand.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

ITALY'S DESTINY

The situation in the Mediterranean becomes every day increasingly interesting, more especially since Hitler has not, beyond vague threats against Britain, given any indication as to his next move in the Mediterranean area. It is more than possible that the Italian debacle has greatly upset his calculations and that he is hesitating as to the new line he should adopt. When the attempted invasion of Greece was first undertaken it seemed to create confusion of thought as to the reason, but with the passing of time it is becoming increasingly clear that Italy's ill-starred adventure had been hatched by the two major conspirators at Brenner Pass. It was to have been the first step in Hitler's drive towards Syria.

Mussolini has always been obsessed with the idea of gaining control of Greece and the strategic island of Crete — both would be of inestimable value in the Eastern Mediterranean push and this ambition coinciding with Hitler's own particular plans, the momentous step was taken. The world has been watching the result. The Grecian campaign was conceivably not well mounted but few thought that the small Grecian Army, however brave and determined, would be able to dominate the field to the extent it has. Mussolini had not anticipated any great resistance and he has thereby fallen into the trap which greed sometimes spreads before the feet of the would-be victor. He underestimated the strength of the enemy, with the result that Italy is engaged in a major conflict on two fronts and is facing serious disturbances at home.

The immediate question and one that has been agitating the world during the past few weeks is how far Germany intends to help her ally. Mussolini is well aware that he will be supported only in so far as assistance dovetails in with Hitler's revised plans. No other consideration will influence him and as Hitler has always tried to avoid a war on two fronts, it is considered probable that German troops will not take part in the actual fighting. Bomber and fighter participation however, is not strictly allied to troop

Thomas Mann's Xmas Appeal To Germans

German People:
The Christmas feast comes round once more, a feast beloved, a feast of love, to you the dearest feast of all, full of light and fragrance and sweet childhood dreams. Indeed, it might be called the most German of all feasts; certainly no people celebrates it with such fervour as you. That may be because its profounder, religious, cosmic meaning symbolises the beginnings, and mirrors the development of your civilisation as a people. In the primitive, pagan time it was the feast of the winter solstice, the rebirth of light out of wintry darkness, the breaking of a new world-dawn. Next the new light became a Babe in the cradle, became the manger at Bethlehem; the feast became the birthday of the Saviour and Son of Man, whose great, gentle heart gave to the world a new feeling for humanity, a new morality; who called His Father in heaven the Father of all men.

The history of this feast is your history. There was no real, true Germany until the light in the East shone also upon you; until Christian humanity penetrated the primitive, pagan, Germanic world and brought your moral and religious sense, your perceptions of the universe, into contact with Occidental Christian civilisation. To that civilisation you belong; you celebrate your membership when you set up the cradle of the Babe under the lighted tree and put at His feet the images of the adoring shepherds and kings. At the same time you celebrate the glorious contributions made by the Germanic spirit to and through the culture of Occidental Christianity, the works of Durer and Bach, Schiller's poems of freedom, Goethe's "Iphigenie," "Fidelio," the Ninth Symphony.

So now once more you prepare for the Christian, the Germanic, feast, for the second time in the war your present leaders have foisted upon you and the world. Grieving, many of you, for sons and fathers, perished in the onslaught upon your neighbours; heavy-hearted surely all of you at the thought of how long this is to go on and to what it will come at the last. You lay out the presents; they will be rather sparse, for good things are not

fighting so that the appearance of German planes in Mussolini's former sphere of action would not necessarily mean that Germany had shouldered Italy's burden. It may also be that Hitler is weighing the possibility of a combined Italo-German air and submarine attack on Malta as an offset to British victories in North Africa.

Whatever the immediate future may bring to light, one thing stands out clearly and that is Italy's day as an Empire builder has definitely closed. Even more, Italian independence has vanished. Hitler may or may not delay in assuming open control of the country, but that it is merely a question of time before he does so is clear to all on-lookers and possibly to many Italians as well. Whether Mussolini will connive at this last humiliating step is more than probable, as his only hope of retaining some semblance of an authority which he has so thoroughly abused, would be to accept the role of an Italian Quisling.

easy to come by, though your masters in your name have plundered the Continent they have overrun. But the Christmas candles burn. Tell me how by their light do the deeds look to you which your leaders have forced you as a nation to commit in the last year? How do they look, all the villainies they deliberately have made you guilty of, the fathomless misery and human anguish which National Socialist Germany—a Germany no longer permitted to be either

German or Christian—has piled up all round its borders? Tell me, how do these deeds harmonise with the beautiful old hymns you are singing, with your children, your own hearts full of sweet, childlike emotion? Or do you no longer sing the old songs? Instead of "Holy Night," have they ordered you to sing the blood-thirsty party hymn of hate, a hodgepodge of street songs and cheap tabloid propaganda that take an obscure good-for-nothing and make out of him a mythical

hero? I doubt not you will obey, for your submissiveness is boundless and grows, let me tell you, every day harder to forgive.

Boundless, well-nigh unforgivable, is your trust—or, rather, let us say, your credulity. You believe a miserable forger of history, a counterfeit conqueror, when he tells you that through him and through you a world shall dawn where all those values will have perished that make not only a Christian a Christian but quite simply a human being a human being; I mean justice, freedom and truth. You believe him when he says that he, the man of the millennia, is come to put himself in Christ's place and to substitute for the gospel of the brotherhood of man in God the code of body and soul destroying force. You believe him when he says you are the master-folk, called to the creation of a "new order," where all the other peoples shall toil for you, as slaves. And as slaves of his unholy fanaticism you go fighting on, berserker-like, for this hideous new order—for a world, that is, wherein to celebrate the feast of peace and love would be a far worse blasphemy even than it is to-day.

Roof Spotter

I shivered. The dark night air bit into me and the stars seemed to fingle with cold when I opened the door to the roof, climbed the steep stair to the Crow's Nest, and began my first trick as Roof Spotter (acting, auxiliary, unpaid). I identified St. Paul's from that I worked out the cardinal points. I settled my singularly heavy tin hat on my head and prepared to be blown at any moment 100 feet into the street.

Save for a distant railway light and the green and scarlet crosses on the traffic standards, the darkness was complete. The whirr of a car half a mile away convinced me that a plane was overhead; a distant train announcing its ap-

By Guy Ramsey

proach to a tunnel assured me that a whistling bomb had fallen just behind my left ear.

On the far horizon, there was a pale flicker. "A bit cold for summer lightning?" I ventured. The cool voice of the aerial expert corrected me. "That's gunfire."

"I can't hear anything." "Just wait for a bit." I had forgotten in my excitement the difference between the speeds of light and sound.

Faintly came a pop. Three new ruddy stars flickered for an instant in a patch of sky where no stars had been before, then vanished.

Searchlights sent silver fingers stabbing into the sky, crossing, wheeling, weaving, clicking off like matches blown out, leaving the darkness blacker than before. A brilliant blaze of light made my head turn as on a swivel: "A big gun?" I said.

"Summer lightning," said the expert. I could hear his smile in his voice.

The flashes on the horizon grew in intensity and number. Suddenly the air seemed to fill with sound. The momentary stars grew dazzling: one could not—at least I could not—distinguish between the reports of the guns and the detonations of the shells. I could not identify a flash on land with a star-burst in the sky. Bewildered, I tried to isolate one single flash and listen for its shell to explode. Impossible.

Sharp crackle and dull bang, sudden, high-pitched pop and shattering thunder, the barrage grew and grew; and over this mighty ground-bass, piercing and soaring, came the high, sweet note of a plane.

Like a violin vibrating on the E string amid a madness of percussion, it sang; shrill, clear, obscured by sheer mass of sound to re-emerge with an illusion of continuity. The searchlight shifted and new batteries came banging and blasting into action. New fingers of new hands interlaced in the sky; like spokes of a wheel they focussed and centred and crossed, radiating from a hub; they broke away again. Then—there was silence.

"He's turned away," said the expert. "He's heading north."

Northerly lies Hampstead, where dwells the better part of my life. Without sound the clouds above that suburb seemed to grow suddenly luminous. "More lightning?" I said.

"A breadbasket."

"Hampstead?"

"No. A bit West." The expert coughed. "In fact, if he's not got my house now, he'll never get it!"

"Anybody in it?"

"My family."

I felt a little ashamed of my surge of relief.

Minutes passed. From the East came more gun-fire, rolling up in a thick crescendo of detonation. "I'd give the alarm if I were you," said the expert.

"So soon?"

"Oh, yes. When you hear him overhead, you're quite safe. Now's the time to sound it."

My finger jabbed the bell; I could hear it clanging in the shelter below, from where I stood. I knew—for I had lived it down-stairs—that men off duty looked up with humorous resignation and said: "The heat's on again, chaps. I'll try misère."

Flashes of yellow and white spattered the sky. The whine of the plane was still audible as the expert said to me: "Give them the 'danger passed'—he's going away."

"How did you know?" I asked in a lull. I could still hear him.

"Well, you follow the searchlights, follow the gun-flashes, follow his note as well as you can, discount the wind, realise that every one of those little squibs that go off in the air makes quite a number of cubic yards of sky uninhabitable—and use your judgment."

"What's that?" I cried, as a red light burned steadily for a moment or two, travelling fast.

"Well, it might be a fighter—one of ours; or it might be Jerry trying to pretend he's one of our fighters. It's not very easy to pretend, you know." The guns leaped into uproar. "Yes: The pretence didn't get him very much, did it?"

Another spotter nudged me. "You ought to have been here when we saw that plane disintegrate in mid-air over Victoria Station a few days ago," he said. "It's dull to-night, very dull."

"Very dull"—and within an hour we had five office warnings of "danger imminent"; I had seen the great guns flashing in seven different spasms of light; I had seen a breadbasket paint the sky with pallor, and seen its reflection dim as the fires it had sought to cause were conquered; I had felt my heart contract (I am sorry, but emotion, real emotion, can be expressed only in clichés) at its flaming fall; I had seen—admittedly at a distance—the spurt of light that means H.E. and heard the dull boom of a bomb (it says boom, not crump) travelling with intolerable slowness from its point of contact into my ears—such slowness that I barely connected the flash with the sound.

"Very dull"—the phrase was not spoken with the usual affection of the Briton in danger, but quite seriously.

What was even more remarkable was that, as I returned to the safety of the shelter, I did not shiver: I was warm.

Germans, save yourselves! Save your souls by ceasing to give allegiance to your task-masters, who are thinking of themselves and not of you at all! I live in the world from which, though you belong to it, you are shut off; I know, and I say to you, Never will that world accept or tolerate the "new order," the sub-human terrorist Utopia for the sake of which your leaders are driving you to starve and die. Never will the great Christian peoples of the world suffer if that peace, when it comes—and it is longed for by you, too—shall be celebrated upon the grave of freedom and human dignity. In the next few years you can, if you will, multiply tenfold the sum of human agony which by your credulous submissiveness you have already brought about. But in the fullness of time the measure will be the measure of your own agony. And how, at the end of all the madness, things will be in Germany—of that one cannot bear to think.



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"BAN ENVOY'S CODES" DEMAND BY M.P.S

(By A Diplomatic Correspondent)

DIPLOMATS REPRESENTING FOREIGN POWERS IN LONDON ARE DAILY SENDING TELEGRAMS AND CABLES IN CYPHER AND CODE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON THE CONTINENT AND ELSEWHERE.

Many of these diplomats represent nations far from friendly towards Britain; some of the Governments are in close association with the Axis.

But the British Government has no opportunity of censoring these messages, or of acquainting itself with their contents.

Several M.P.s are alarmed at the latitude which the Foreign Office allows to those foreign representatives. Led by Captain Pluge, M.P., they are trying to persuade the Government to withdraw the privilege.

They know Germany is learning far more than is desirable about what is going on in Britain, where our troops are stationed, where armament work is being carried on, where public bodies meet.

As most of the ordinary espionage channels have been effectively blocked, they doubt the Government's wisdom in allowing diplomats to communicate with their own countries in code.

Two Loopholes

This is a possible loophole over which the Foreign Office ought to exercise more control.

Another loophole is through the diplomatic bags which foreign representatives in Britain are allowed to send—free of censorship—to their own countries at weekly intervals.

KEPT ROYAL LINK SECRET FROM BRIDE

Not until after her wedding did a twenty-year-old laundress, daughter of a builder's laborer, learn that her husband is son of a cousin of the Queen.

The bride, formerly Miss Jean Crawford, of Royal Avenue, Largs, Ayrshire, now wife of Captain Patrick Drummond Scott, aged twenty-seven, told a reporter at a Glasgow hotel:—

"I never realised that my husband was related to the Queen—and me a laundress.

"But it won't make any difference now. We are very happy."

It was when Captain Scott was speaking to reporters after his wedding at Largs that he revealed his mother's relationship with the Queen.

He is a son of Mr. Frank Scott, of Speldhurst, Kent. His mother, now the Baroness de Longueuil, was Miss Ernestine Bowes-Lyon before her first marriage.

Back To Army

"My wife is going back to live with her people until I can make further arrangements," said Captain Scott.

"I am now rejoicing my regiment the Royal West Kents, I am very happy indeed with Jean.

He got twenty-four hours' leave for his wedding.

The romance began when Miss Crawford met Captain Scott during a Paul Jones dance at the large pierhead ball-room.

BRIDE LOSES TROUSSEAU

On the eve of her wedding day, Miss E. Clark, manageress of the White Lion Hotel, High Street, Edgware, Middlesex, lost her wedding dress and trousseau in a fire which damaged the hotel.

A maid saw smoke coming from the cook's bedroom. Mr. Oakman, barman, and Mr. C. H. Garratt, the licensee, made vain attempts to enter the room.

The majority of the staff lost their belongings.

GERMANS TALK OF INVASION

Reports coming from neutral sources indicate that German troops in both France and Belgium do not rule out the possibility that an invasion may be attempted during the winter and almost certainly in foggy weather.

A revealing statement made by Gen. Kabisch in the "Koelnische Zeitung" has been made known. Only he won by the Army. "This only he won by the Army. This warning becomes necessary as the German people indulge in the optimistic view that the war can be won by the air force. The fact remains that the only way of winning is by bringing troops into England."

German officers are pointing to the enormous number of troops still concentrated in Northern France and especially in Belgium.

They believe, and in many cases fear, that with complete

"SAWN OFF" GETS D S O

"Sawn Off," as he is known to his fellow airmen — otherwise Pilot-Officer Eric Stanley Lock, No. 41 Squadron — has been awarded the D.S.O.

He has brought down twenty planes.

He is twenty-one years of age and is married to a former Shrewsbury Carnival Queen.

His parents, who live at Bayston Hill, near Shrewsbury, understand that the award is in recognition of his courage and endurance in bringing down his machine safely after a fight although seriously injured in both legs and his arm broken in two places. He is at present in hospital.

Holds D.F.C., With Bar

A souvenir which he carries about with him is a bullet extracted from a previous leg wound.

He shot down eleven machines in ten days, three of them in one afternoon, and he had to bale out three times in as many weeks.

The men at his station have sent him a case of champagne and a congratulatory telegram, to which the wives of fellow officers added the words: "Well done, Lockie."

Lock won the D.F.C. in September, when he had destroyed nine planes within a week.

The next month he was awarded a bar to the D.F.C. for gallantry while on patrol.

disregard of human life the German Command may be willing to risk a million or more men in a series of tentative crossings in foggy weather, the calculation being that the British forces would be dispersed to meet these, and that at least one would secure a foothold, towards which the whole German army would converge.

CONCENTRATION CAMP IN PYRENEES

THERE IS A SECOND DACHAU — the Nazi concentration camp in Bavaria — in a small village in the Basses Pyrenees, near Pau. The camp is five miles from the demarcation line, and German officers and commissioners of various kinds frequently go over to see that their instructions are carried out.

The camp, which originally accommodated Republican Spaniards seeking refuge in France, was in May the chief concentration camp for German women in France. Now it is the main camp in France of Germans of both sexes.

The inmates are of two kinds: those previously interned in camps like St. Cyprian and St. Germain Les Balles and those direct from Germany. There are Jews and Liberals, mainly from the Palatinate and Baden.

Herded Like Cattle

Hundreds of French men and women saw trainloads of people from Germany driven out of trucks like cattle at Oloron station. There were old and infirm persons, epileptics, sufferers from other diseases, and a sprinkling of those whom past sufferings had driven mad.

Their departure from Germany was hasty, and there was every sign of disorganisation. A seven-months-old baby arrived without parents, and there were hundreds of cases of wives without husbands and vice versa.

Many did not have an opportunity to take the barest necessities. Transport conditions were such that when the human wreckage was unloaded four were dead. The Germans usually take the precaution of removing bodies before the prisoners arrive in the unoccupied zone. Other prisoners died from pneumonia after their arrival. The Ger-

mans ordered the French not to help the prisoners in any way. If anything is done it is carried out secretly, but the French guards are in terror of the visits of the German commissioners.

There were 13,000 prisoners in the camp on Nov. 9. They are in sections, but there is no contact between them.

In Quarantine

There is typhus in one section, which is in quarantine. The sufferings of people there are terrible. General conditions are bad, and food insufficient.

Restrictions that ensure that these conditions will continue have been imposed. Living conditions are cramped and uncomfortable. There are no seats in the huts, which are infested with vermin. Hygienic conditions are almost nonexistent.

Millions continue to arrive in large numbers without warning, and the French authorities have no time to prepare anything. Many prisoners die from exposure.

Each sector is surrounded by barbed wire. It is estimated that the camp can accommodate 22,000 people. It sometimes takes even a visiting priest two hours to see a particular inmate.

AMERICAN LABOUR GROUP TO ASSIST BRITISH

FORMATION OF AN American Labour Committee to Aid British Labour, to function with the cooperation of affiliates of the American Federation of Labour throughout the country, was announced by Matthew Woll, vice president of the A. F. of L. and president of the League for Human Rights, Freedom and Democracy, at a luncheon in honour of Sir Walter Citrine, British labour leader.

Sir Walter, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress and president of the International Federation of Trade Unions, has been addressing labour audiences in many cities under the auspices of the A. F. of L. in behalf of Britain's war effort.

The luncheon was attended by 100 labour leaders of the State and city, who pledged their support to the new committee, which will engage in relief work in behalf of British workers and seek to mobilise moral support for the British cause.

Committee Held Labour's Response

Mr. Woll, who presided, declared that the new committee has been formed as a response of American labour to Sir Walter's mission, signified by his recent address before the convention of the A. F. of L. at New Orleans. Sir Walter responded by saying that he regarded the formation of the committee as a "noble climax to all the manifestations of friendship" which he already has witnessed in the U.S.

The new committee will form branches in cities and towns throughout the country, which will work in conjunction with labour bodies, international unions and local unions, affiliated with the A. F. of L. and with the 99 affiliates of the League for Human Rights. The committee aims to collect clothing, blankets, foodstuffs, and other necessities for the British people, and to send them to England in such the British Trade Union names, to be distributed to British workers in the trade unions. Mr. Woll declared the sympathy of all organized labour in the U.S.

Sir Walter told the labour audience that he visited the United States to represent the British people in its present hour of need against the Axis powers. He has been most impressed by the determination of the American people to win the war, and by the determination of the American people to win the war.

Sure Of British Victory

He said that British labour was giving whole-hearted support to the war because of the "moral and mental" is the only way and assured his hearers that "the British people will put out as long as they have the legs and minds to hold out." He felt certain that Britain would win the war if the United States continued to help her in the necessary war materials and supplies. He laid special stress on the need of bombers and ships.

Sir Walter was skeptical concerning latest reports of a possible attempted invasion of England by the Germans, saying that the real danger of invasion existed in June, 1940.

Other speakers at the luncheon included William Collins, representing the New York State Federation of Labour, and the Central Trades and Labour Council, and Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee.

SOMEONE HAD EGGS TO SELL!

A queue nearly a quarter of a mile long assembled in Woolwich Market when it became known that a dealer had English eggs for sale.

The queue formed nearly an hour and a half before the dealer arrived. His eggs went at 4d. each. The only condition was that customers should bring their own bags.

LONDON TO HAVE A CURFEW?

Suggestions are being made in certain high police quarters that there should be a curfew for London.

It has not yet reached a stage where it is being considered officially, but because it would relieve police of duties which have been made more arduous since the black-out it is being urged for consideration.

The idea is that there should be a late curfew for everybody except war workers and those who have to be out during the night hours, to whom a special permit would be issued. These permits would give the police details of all people who are out during the curfew hours, and it is said that it would have the effect of considerably reducing black-out crime.

Aliens Are Disobeying

Recently there has been a great increase in thefts from bombed premises and in general black-out crime. Gangs are believed to be working certain areas, particularly the West End.

Though the police force in the London area has been considerably augmented by special police and by War Reserve men, they are unable to do a great deal of additional work to do without having to handle an increase in this form of crime.

Meantime the police are tightening up on the restrictions governing the curfew imposed on aliens.

Under the Movement Restriction Order, aliens in London must not be out between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. without special permission. Outside London the hours are 10.30 to 6.0. But it has been noticed that a number of aliens have not been observing these restrictions and police have been given instructions to keep a rigid watch, particularly in certain areas.

ONE SEE LOST 41 CHURCHES

If bombed churches in the Rochester diocese are to be patched up for public worship and their furniture preserved from the weather, at least £5,000 is required, states the diocesan chronicle.

"The melancholy casualty list," it adds, "includes forty-one churches, twenty-one vicarages and thirteen church halls. The Bishop of Rochester, Dr. C. M. Chevasse, has launched an appeal for funds."

WOMAN GRADUATE STOLE

Mrs. Eleanor May Sharp, thirty-five, of Tennyson Avenue, Cambridge, said to be an M.A. and the wife of a Doctor of Science at Cambridge University, was fined £5 at Cambridge for stealing articles worth 3s. 7d. from a Woolworth's store.

"BULLET BOMB" AIR WEAPON

AN EXPLODING BULLET WHICH CAN BE FIRED FROM CONVENTIONAL CALIBRE RIFLES AND MACHINE-GUNS HAS BEEN PATENTED BY THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

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DIED ON DUTY

The British Red Cross Society announce that 11 members of detachments—six women and five men—have been killed through enemy action. Another woman member died from wounds.

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INCONSISTENCY

By The Four Aces

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North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 7 3
♥ A
♦ J 7 6 5 2-
♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 4

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♠ 9 6 2
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ K 8 3
♣ 7 6 2

♠ K Q J 5
♥ Q 9 6
♦ A Q 9
♣ A J 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South should have opened with one no-trump, but after the actual bid of one spade, North found herself unable to show her "maximum pass." The diamonds were too shabby for a jump to three diamonds, the spades were too weak for a jump raise, and the singleton heart steered her away from two no-trump. Two dia-

monds was the best bid she could make at that point.

Now South had to bid two no-trump, a rebid which shows considerable strength and invites a game. And once again North had a problem. If South had a five-card spade suit (a distinct possibility despite his failure to rebid spades), the only game might lie at spades rather than no-trumps; or, perhaps, there might even be a slam in the cards. These avenues would be left unexplored if North just raised to three no-trump, so North bid three spades.

And here South, with amazing inconsistency, passed, fearful that North was trying to "sign off." South forgot that he had invited a game and that North's bid of three spades was a forward-looking bid—hence an acceptance of the game invitation. Had North held a weak hand, she would have raised spades on the first round instead of showing her diamonds, or she could have passed two no-trump instead of bidding three spades. South's inconsistency thus was responsible for missing an easy game.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Scheiken
Pass	Pass	(?)	Scheiken

ANSWER: Bid one heart. You have ample strength for an opening bid and have no reason to attempt a shut-out bid of three



Burned fingers certainly are no incentive to make a second try at a thing.

hearts or any other unusual stratagem.

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Question No. 632

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Scheiken
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Keeping Legs Smooth And Lovely

As long as we wear sheer hose we must keep our legs free of superfluous hair and other blemishes.

There are three ways of doing this:—(1) by the use of an emery pad, (2) by applying a cream, liquid or wax depilatory, (3) by using a razor.

Young girls under twenty usually do not have a leg beauty problem. But there are of course exceptions. Some girls have more superfluous hair than others, and if they step out to parties they are sensitive about this condition. They should remove the hair if it shows darkly through their hose for otherwise it makes them self-conscious, which is not good.

About Treatments

There is no truth whatever in the claim that certain depilatories destroy hair growth at the roots after a few applications. Depilatories, like the wax treatment and shaving process, nips off the hair close to the root, and it will eventually grow back. Any product which destroys the hair growth would be harmful to the skin.

Personally I do not favour any one method. The wax method is difficult to do by yourself as the wax must be pulled off in strips after it has hardened slightly. That hurts and it is better for another to pull than yourself.

Cream depilatories are simple to use. They are spread over the hair growth with a wooden spatula, allowed to dry and then washed off with clear warm water followed by splashings of cold water. The newer formulas are perfumed and do not have the terrible odours that the first depilatories had. I do think, after observation, that cream depilatories somewhat discourage hair growth through weakening the strength of the hair, but they do not discourage it altogether.



Leg beauty is made possible by the use of the first electric shaver made exclusively for women. It leaves the skin velvety smooth, free of all superfluous hair.

Shaving the legs is a clean and simple method of beautifying them, but the hair should first be softened by warm water and soap,

just as a man's beard is softened. Only a safety or electric razor should be used and if your skin is tissue-paper-thin, you must be careful not to cut it accidentally.

Many women are favouring a new electric shaver which was especially designed for feminine use. It is a handy little instrument which may be plugged into any current and they claim it nips off the hair in such a fashion that prevents stubbles of new growth from penetrating their hose. You might investigate this shaver if you like cutting the hair instead of using a depilatory.

The remaining method—using an emery board—is particularly satisfactory for young girls, or for those who have only a light blonde growth to contend with. These emery pads slip over your fingers, mitten fashion and you rub in circles gently until the hair falls off.

So there is the story—it leaves little excuse for any woman to be embarrassed about her legs. As long as we expose them as we do we will have to groom them carefully!

Vitamins Essential To Beauty.

Many women would eat the proper vitamins if they knew what a vitamin was, and how they could get it. Much confusion is prevalent about vitamins. Some women even confuse them with calories.

A vitamin is a food factor which is found in minute quantities in many foods and regarded as essential to normal growth.

For instance Vitamin A is found in green leafy vegetables and yellow vegetables (especially in carrots), all dairy products, fish liver oils and in dried apricots and prunes.

When the Vitamin A is extracted from these foods the rest is discarded, so when you take a Vitamin A capsule you are getting only the Vitamin A from great quantities of the foods which contain it. It would be impossible for you to eat that much food, for the bulk would be too much for your stomach. However, if one eats balanced menus daily and includes two or three of the foods in which Vitamin A exists, there should be no need for concentrated capsule doses.

Children And Adults Need Vitamin A

Vitamin A is a great aid to health. It protects eyesight, helps

to prevent what is known as night blindness, it promotes normal growth and helps the body to build a good resistance to infection, such as infection in teeth, sinus, appendix, etc.

Children need over twice as much Vitamin A in their menus as do adults, but adults need a good quantity of it. For instance, an adult requires from 3,000 to 5,000 international units of Vitamin A each day. A child requires from 8,000 to 10,000 international units of Vitamin A daily.

How To Measure Vitamins

To give you a clear idea of how to measure your Vitamin A I list the foods which are the chief sources of this very necessary Vitamin, and give you the number of international units which they contain. This list is quoted through the courtesy of Theodore A. Jost, M.D.:

- 1 glass of milk—270 units
- 1 oz. American cheese—525 units
- 1 egg—350 units
- 1 ounce of liver—1,535 units
- 1 tablespoon of butter—230 units
- 12 dried apricots—2,450 units
- 6 large prunes—875 units

- 1 medium apple—55 units
- 1 cup of 20% cream—1,250 units
- 1 saucedish spinach—17,500 units
- 1 saucedish broccoli—4,900 units
- 1 saucedish carrots—3,850 units
- 1 sweet potato—3,500 units
- 1 teaspoon fish liver oil—at least 4,250 units

So you see you should eat 1 egg, 12 dried apricots, and drink two glasses of milk each day in order to get a normal supply of Vitamin A—or a combination of the above foods which will total between 3,000 and 5,000 international units! A child should eat more.

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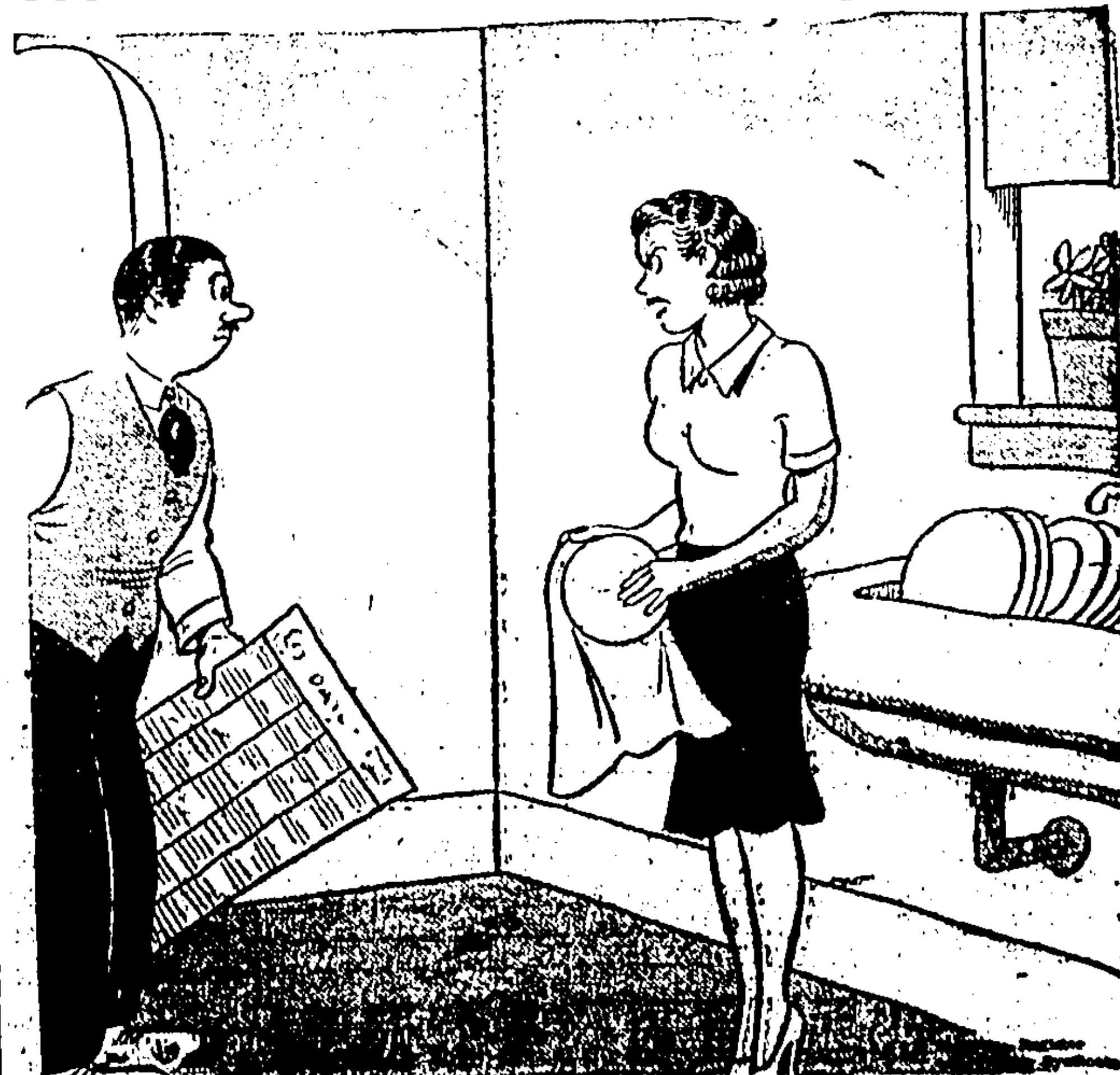
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TAIL-END CHARLIE TAKES TO THE BOATS

(By "AIR GUNNER")

"SOLDIER AND SAILOR TOO," is what they call the Marines, and there are times when Tail-End Charlie with the rest of his bomber's crew have to turn hastily from airmen into real sailors. Since their aircraft cannot be relied on to stay afloat for long the transformation has to be made pretty quickly.

The bomber has dropped its load somewhere not a hundred miles from the Rhine, and is cruising comfortably home. It's a dark autumn night, and, although they have had some trouble with Flak back there, the crew have the easy feeling of tourists half-way from a pleasant charabanc ride.

"What's our E.T.A.?" the captain asks. E.T.A. is short for estimated time of arrival ... and means a lot to homegoers.

"0410. We ought to pick up the Dutch coast any time now."

"Searchlights on starboard bow!" announces somebody.

"That'll be—," says the captain. "Old Gooney Gubbins caught a packet there only last week. Steer a point or two north."

An eye, malevolent, red, glares suddenly from the ground at the passing plane. Two frigid blue beams, one either side of it, shoot up to fasten on Tail-End Charlie's glass home.

"Searchlights on our tail!" he sings out and feels the "kite" roll and dip as its pilot takes avoiding action.

Gun Rattles

"What height are we?" he asks as the bunch of inquisitive searchlights are increased by five or six more.

"Three thousand," answers the pilot. At once Tail-End Charlie's gun rattles. One of those prying rays dies suddenly and Tail-End Charlie, exultantly pours a burst down the glittering beam of another. He announces some Flak, which flies heavenwards past him. The aircraft is dipping and diving, and his eyes are engrossed on his sight. Suddenly, WHOOF! a heavy shell explodes close. Something goes crash. The great bomber lurches.

"Gee, that was near!" Tail-End Charlie hears the pilot exclaim. Then, "Hullo, our port engine's jiggered!"

Now the rear gunner can feel the aircraft sinking and sinking. He wonders just what has happened.

The port engine has gone out of business, and the petrol is streaming away from a jagged hole in the port tank. The captain is holding his aircraft up as well as he can as he sees the Dutch coast pass below them and knows that some two hundred miles of cold, tossing sea must be crossed before he gets home.

With all the work on one engine he struggles hard to keep the bomber flying a thousand feet up, while his wireless operator sends out constant signals of their position and plight. Meanwhile Tail-End Charlie and the rest of the crew are not idle. Taking turns with an axe they hack off the door of the bomber and through the doorway goes hurtling anything heavy and movable. The expensive bomb-sight goes splashing

machine-guns and shining festoons of linked cartridges. Spare flares, instruments, parachutes all go sailing into the water. At last everything that can be detached has gone over. The plane is plodding along, just skimming the surface, its petrol almost exhausted. Tail-End Charlie squats perspiring and panting close to a big blue package near the fuselage doorway.

Terrific Jar

Suddenly, "Get ready to take the water!" the captain's voice warns.

His second pilot signals the crew to lie down. They disperse themselves on the floor, prepared for the shock when the bomber comes down in the sea. A terrific jar, which shoots each of them backwards, a splash like the splash of a whale—and the aircraft is floating at rest on the dark heaving water.

Tail-End Charlie has sprung to his feet. Grabbing his odd dumpy bundle, he flings it out through the doorway. At the same time the captain and wireless operator have climbed through the doorway into the sea, followed by five wards escape hatch.

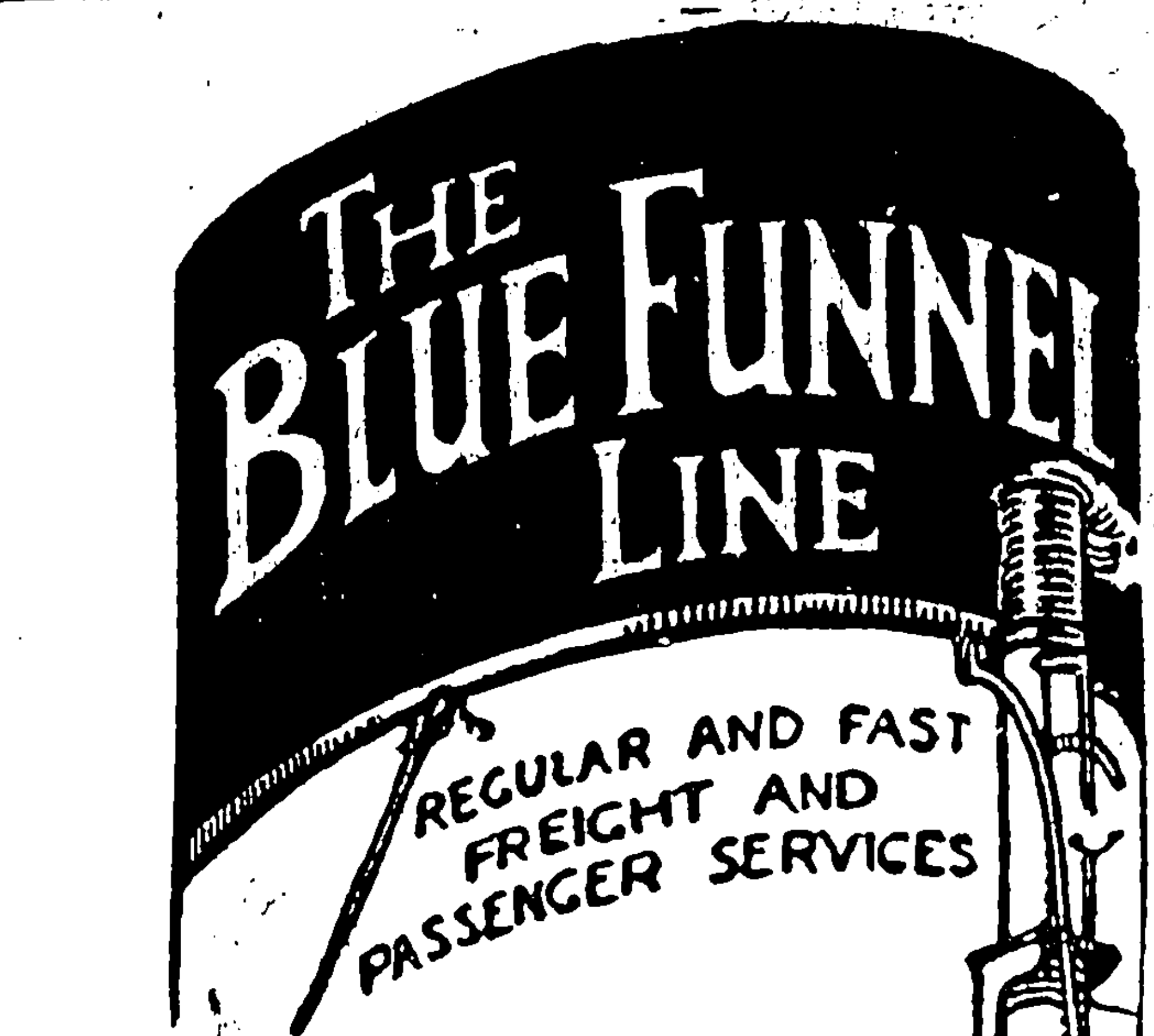
Tail-End Charlie's bundle falls into the water and sinks like a stone, but it is suddenly brought up short by a length of cord which connects it to the rapidly filling aircraft. Then a miracle happens. The bundle unfolds, blossoms like a huge water-lily, and rises to the surface, a round yellow boat. The crew jump aboard. Tail-End Charlie among them, a clasp-knife gripped in his hand to cut loose the painter.

"Get at those marine flares," the captain orders. "Someone ought to be on their way."

Suddenly two more stars appear in the sky—one white and one coloured. "Hurrah, they've found us! the captain cheers them. "They'll soon have a boat along." So they sit on, occasionally sending up signals whenever the plane's fading engine denotes that its pilot has lost them. Dawn breaks. They begin to feel cold and a tot of rum is passed round. They discern the plane now—a Blenheim circling above them, keeping watch while it signals to shore.

They are too low down on the surface to see the rescuing destroyer until it is almost upon them. She heaves to, and a boat is lowered. The little voyage is ended without further event.

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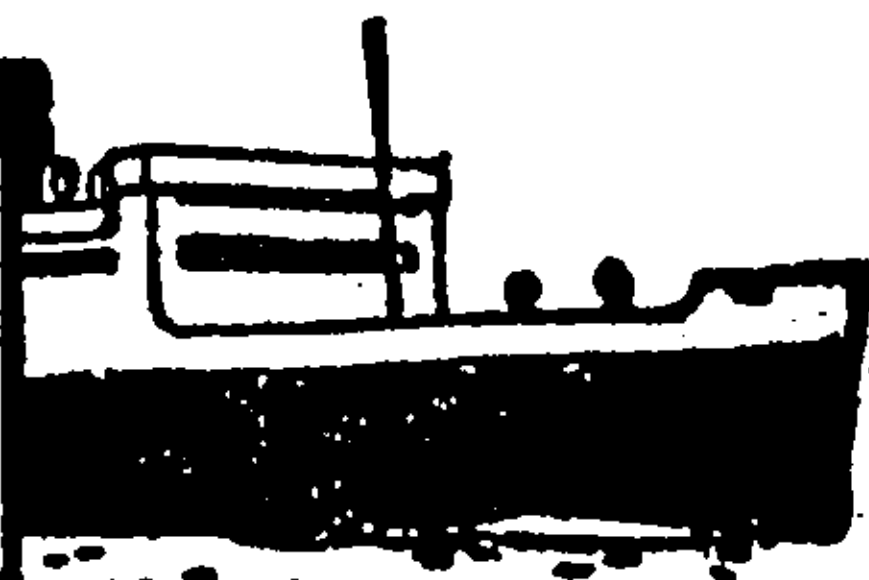
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AMERICA'S BIG BOMBERS

Size is a quality inevitably associated with trans-Atlantic productions; and reports of new American bombers, either ordered by Britain or for the United States Air Services, feature their size as an outstanding point.

One type of big American bomber which has caught the imagination is the Boeing B.17, sometimes called the "Flying Fortress." Actually, as big 4-motor aircraft go, it is not unusually large. Its general dimensions and range correspond to those of Britain's 20-ton, 4-engine flying-boat, the Short "Sunderland." Its wing span of 105 feet is 8 feet less than that of the "Sunderland." It is some 18 feet less than the span of the Armstrong-Whitworth "Ensign," Britain's biggest civil air liner, also a 4-motor aircraft.

As first produced some few years ago the original "Flying Fortress" had four 1,000 h.p. Wright "Cyclone" motors, which gave it a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. The effective range claimed was around 3,000 miles—say from London to Tripoli and back—and the service ceiling just under 6 miles. Bomb load is a variable factor dependent, among other things, on the amount of fuel carried. But it is safe to assume that the B.17 could carry 4 to 5 tons of bombs and ammunition on a round trip of 2,000 miles.

A feature of the design, which gave the B.17 the name of "Flying Fortress," is the number of protective gun positions. Four of these were originally located in "blisters" on the outside of the

fuselage, but later examples show gun turrets, similar to the British practice. Even so, the total gun power is not likely to approach that possessed by the latest versions of Britain's famous bombers, such as the turreted Wellington.

An improved "Flying Fortress," produced just before the war, had a cleaned-up external design, and a special super-charging system for giving greater engine power at heights above 200,000 feet. The resulting performance figures were not made known, but it may be assumed that the maximum speed of 250 m.p.h. has been improved upon.

A new bomber now being built by American is in a different category, and, so far as is known, really is the "world's largest."

This is the Douglas B.19, a 60-ton monster with a wing span of 210 feet—three times that of the Handley-Page "Hampden."

Four Wright "Duplex-Cyclone" motors, each of 1,700 h.p. are calculated to give this new Douglas bomber a speed of "over 200 m.p.h." The estimated range is 6,000 miles, roughly the distance from New York to Southampton and back. A "useful load" of 28 tons is quoted, including about 18 tons of bombs. Such a bomb load represents about as much as could be carried, for a much shorter distance, by six entire squadrons of Me. 109 fighter bombers!

The landing gear is of the three-wheel or "tricycle" type, and a feature of the design is the provision of heated and air conditioned cabins and sleeping quarters for the crew of ten. Sound-proofing, a practice usually associated only with modern civil air liner construction, but important from the point of view of flying fatigue, has also been provided in the radio operator's and navigator's compartments.

BOYS INTO AIRMEN

A large number of aircraft apprentices at an old-established R.A.F. School recently became airmen. Owing to the war the "passing out" ceremony was curtailed. Although the show may not be so good as in peace time, the apprentices who are now leaving are every bit as good as those who have gone before.

For many months these boys have been working hard and playing hard to fit themselves mentally and physically for their job. They have learned not merely to use their hands but also their brains. A good deal of time has been spent in the workshops.

At first they were taught how to use tools and materials, and spent hours learning to shape wood and metal to that accuracy demanded by aircraft engineering. As they became more skilled, the tasks allotted to them became more and more difficult, until finally they produced work, the finish and exactness of which bore the stamp of the craftsman.

All this time they were learning the scientific background of their trade. Mathematics and physics occupied much of their time in the "schools," where they were also taught the art of machine drawing. The drawings used in aircraft engineering are complicated, but the ease and accuracy with which the boys "read" even the most intricate of them speaks highly of their industry and training.

Naturally the instruction which the boys get has a bias towards aircraft and engineering, but they are not allowed to become "lopsided" in their outlook on life. Even the requirements of the present time have not been allowed to curtail their general education.

Those in authority regard it as essential that future airmen should be able to appreciate clearly the significance of current events, so that they may have a solid foundation on which to base their judgment of everyday happenings. The apprentices, therefore, learn history and geography, not as facts and dates, but as sequences of cause and effect. Lectures are given by officers well versed in current affairs, so that this knowledge may be up to date.

Libraries are provided for the benefit of those apprentices who wish to study particular subjects. Many do so, for the well-worn conditions of the books tell their own tale.

The life of the apprentice outside working hours is a full one. He is as jealous of the honour of his "wings" as any Public School boy is of that of his "house." He demonstrates this feeling in his keenness for inter-wing football matches, swimming contests, and so on.

Like the Public School boy, too, the apprentice is taught to discipline himself and his comrades. "Sc-geants," "Corporals," and "Leading Apprentices" are appointed, responsible for the orderly behaviour, and good conduct of their friends. They fill the role of prefect, and are well respected by their fellows.

Although the R.A.F. Apprentices School is young, reckoned by the age of some of our great Public Schools, it has already established its own traditions. The strongest of these is that of unflinching devotion to duty. Many of the predecessors of the boys now passing out have been honoured for their work and gallantry. Some have been granted commissions. The list of those decorated for bravery grows daily. The boys who are now leaving to join squadrons as men are determined never to let their school down.

Pilot v Dinghy

A German pilot, who was taken prisoner in Kent, confessed that before falling into our hands, while "flying at 25,000 feet," he was attacked in the rear by his rubber dinghy which had become accidentally inflated.

In an effort to master the dinghy, he lost control and went into a spiral dive. On pulling out, the engine stalled and he had to make a forced landing.

MINELAYING IN BAD WEATHER

Some of the pilots whose "routine job" is to lay mines in German territorial waters have recently found their task a little more hazardous and exciting. The excitement has come not from the enemy but from the spell of bad weather.

One pilot reported:

"We flew through exceptionally thick cloud on the way out, and though we reached our allotted area it took us some time before we found the exact position where we had to drop our mines. Just before we let them go more 'flak' ships opened fire at us, but we managed to dodge them and placed the mines in the right spot.

"Then we climbed several thousand feet to get out of the thick clouds, but the higher we went the thicker the clouds seemed to be. Later we ran into several bad storms, and the lightning frequently lit up the inside of the aircraft.

"After a while we came down to search elsewhere for better weather, but our luck was out, and during the whole journey home we were buffeted all over the sky."

Another pilot had better luck, though the weather was far from fine at the beginning of the journey. Over the area to be mined however visibility was fairly good.

"The stars were particularly bright," he said, "and the tide was well up, which made it an easy matter to recognise the locality. Against the more favourable weather we had to set the German pom-poms which were coming up at us from all directions, but we succeeded in flying through their fire unharmed, and the navigator and the rear gunner both saw the mines enter the water at the right spot."

FIRST SHOTS GO HOME

In his first successful combat in the defence of Britain a Polish pilot shot down his opponent with his first burst of machine-gun fire.

Attacking a Messerschmidt 109, the pilot gave the German one burst at long range—300 yards or over.

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CRICKET NOTES

A. H. RUMJAHN & MADAR BAT WELL AGAINST K.C.C.

Another Brilliant Innings By Donald Anderson

McLellan And Perry Bowl Well; Subdue Recreio Batsmen

By "Adrem"

BY WAY OF A CHANGE THE WEATHER ON SATURDAY WAS IDEAL FOR CRICKET ALTHOUGH SOME MAY HAVE FOUND IT A TRIFLE COLD. MOST GROUNDS HAD DRIED OUT WELL FOLLOWING A LONG PERIOD OF DARK AND DISMAL DAYS AND GENERALLY WICKETS WERE GOOD AND OUTFIELDS REASONABLY FAST.

Two senior matches were played, Kowloon Cricket Club having a good win over Indian Recreation Club and Civil Service drawing with Recreio at the Valley.

The fixture between University and Craigen-gower was postponed on the instigation of the former club although their reasons for taking this step appear to be somewhat obscure.

The match at Cox's Road appeared to have been affected by the weather conditions and it was played in a fine spirit throughout. I.R.C. having lost their first match against University, might reasonably have been expected to take what they could have got in the way of points and have been quite happy with the draw it is certain they could have forced had they so desired. Instead they chose to go out for a win right from the start.

K.C.C. Win Toss

Fincher won the toss and put his opponents in the usual K.C.C. League policy—and at the outset A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. H. Es-mail took few chances. Broad-bridge dropped both of them in the slips off Lee early on but as soon as they could see the ball both men went for any runs that were going.

Rumjahn impressed considerably. For a man of his age his eyesight is remarkably keen although his wrists seem to have lost some of their erstwhile power. But give him any type of ball which should be scored off, not to mention quite a few to which defensive shots might be played and he will take a quiet two or single.

He proved himself a rare judge of a short run and his uncanny ability to place his shots enabled him to be off down the wicket almost before he had completed his stroke.

At no stage, after that chance given in the slips, did he look like getting out and it came as a big surprise and disappointment when Madar hit one wide of the bowler, Lloyd, and called a run which Rumjahn evidently took to be an easy one for he only ambled down the wicket to be run out by a mile.

Es-mail showed a lot of enterprise after being tied in knots by Lee and made some nice strokes to the covers and he was unfortunate to be out to a brilliant left-handed catch in the slips by Francis Zimmern.

Madar told me he was not feeling well but his indisposition was certainly not reflected in his batting which was confident and attractive throughout. The bowling was fairly steady and he was not always able to get the ball through the field but he did pretty well and was only out when he failed to get hold of a ball from Lee which Hung held nicely at mid-on, wide and deep.

Brilliant Catch

Minu was brilliantly held on the boundary by E. F. Fincher when he hit a full-toss from Lloyd high and hard. Fincher ran in to the ball and appeared to have mis-judged it but at the last moment he shot up his right hand for the ball to stick.

I was very impressed with the batting of young K. M. Rum-jahn, who went in rather late. He has a useful defence and his hard, Nazarin might be advised

to give him a chance earlier in the batting order as he is also a brilliant field and worth nursing.

K.C.C. altered their usual batting order slightly in order to give R. T. Broadbridge a chance of going in first and redeeming himself for his dropped catches and thus restoring much-needed confidence. He started off well enough and looked as if he would settle down but he was unfortunate to be caught when only 11.

Hung batted rather more aggressively than usual but his penchant for hitting across the line of the ball when driving proved his downfall. He was badly dropped at cover by Kitchell off a "dolly" but was held by Rumjahn a short while later.

Mackay, who succeeded, hooked Minu hard off the first ball he received only to have the four brilliantly stopped by K. M. Rumjahn, who was performing great things in the region of square-leg and two balls later straight-drove a half-volley from Minu which the bowler held about six inches off the ground.

Not So Good For K.C.C.

The situation was not now so rosy for K.C.C. as three wickets were down for 42 but Francis Lay settled down quickly and played Minu very well. His cover-driving was magnificent and, being less impetuous than usual, he played a really valuable innings of 34 which placed K.C.C. well on the way to victory.

Meanwhile Anderson had been scoring freely all round the wicket although he was rather restrained when up against Minu and when he was joined by Teddy Fincher it was apparent that K.C.C. would win easily which they eventually did with 10 minutes to spare.

Minu was fighting the ball very well and spinning fiercely and his display on Saturday was easily his best of the season; the other I.R.C. bowlers were very mediocre.

First Point For C.S.C.C.

On a wicket which gave the bowlers no assistance whatever, Civil Service secured their first point, at the expense of Club de Recreio.

Civil Service batted first and lost Attwell off the second ball of the innings to a catch behind the wicket. Richardson and Perry settled down and added 44 runs but not before Perry had been badly dropped by Soares at mid-off. Neither batsmen took chances and they were content to go along quietly.

In the absence of Oxbro, L. G. Gosano opened the Recreio bowling with his brother Eddie but it was soon obvious that it was not his day. I am told that he bowled absolute chips, while Eddie, on the dead wicket, was not an impressive as usual. Griffiths, who succeeded Perry, did not stay very long, Silva securing his wicket via the l.b.w. route but there Recreio's successes ended for a long time. Colledge batted confidently although his

RETURN MATCH BETWEEN

K.C.C. AND H.K.C.C.

The return two-day match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong Cricket Club has been fixed for Saturday, March 22, starting at 2 p.m., and Sunday, March 23, starting at 11 a.m.

bad knee still seemed to be troubling him, while Fortescue, although some of his scoring shots were lucky, batted better than he has done for a long time. Later Wright hit breezily and scored 16 useful runs in two overs.

Recreio Bat

The innings closed at about 4.25 and with only two bowlers on whom to call after Perry and McLellan, it did not look too good for Civil Service. Baker had strained himself rather in the two-day match between Club and K.C.C. and, in going for a short run while batting he had pulled a muscle so badly that he was unable to field.

Soares, however, normally the most enterprising of batsmen chose Saturday to decide to play canny and his respectful treatment of Perry and McLellan had the effect of bowling these bowlers in and thereafter they were right on top. Had they been clobbered Recreio would probably have won but they never lost their length and attacking them usually led to disaster.

Eddie Gosano tried to hit and was out, while Prata lost his wicket in going out to one of McLellan's shorter balls and although G. N. Gosano and M. A. Remedios appeared to be in no difficulty with the bowling they could not score nearly quickly enough.

Recreio were at no time in danger of losing but after letting their early scoring opportunities pass them by it must also be said that they did not look like winning. Providing neither they nor K.C.C. drop any points in their remaining matches they must now beat K.C.C. outright in order to win the championship.

MISS RICHARDS' SUCCESS

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 6.6 miles resulted:

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True Blue	4.24.39	4.24.37
(F. C. Mahning)		
Widgeon		
(J. E. Dobbs)		

SECOND DIVISION

THRILLING MATCH AT THE VALLEY

By "Adrem"

ONE OF THE FINEST MATCHES the League is likely to produce this season was played at the Valley on Saturday between Craigen-gower Cricket Club and Civil Service Cricket Club in Junior Division.

From being in the very comfortable position of only having to score a further seven runs with four wickets in hand, Craigen-gower suffered some anxious moments before the necessary runs were scored and when their last man came in the scores were tied.

At this stage Hamson played a ball in the direction of point, who jumped for a possible chance and just fell short. C.C.C. then went on to clinch the match.

Civil Service, having first lease of a true, fast wicket, lost two wickets for 16 but Annie was then joined by Barrow and the score taken to 72 before Barrow was bowled by Way.

The advent of the latter turned the tide in favour of Craigen-gower. Once the partnership was broken there was no stopping A. M. Omar and he finished off with a spell of 4 for 19 and Civil Service were all out for 97.

Way bowled better than he has done for a long time. He kept a very fine length and was turning the ball a lot.

Omar's Bowling

Omar bowled well enough but he was rather lucky to have taken so many wickets—the C.S.C. batsmen appeared to be playing him on his reputation. U. M. Omar, on the other hand, has bowled consistently well this season but has had no luck.

Ainslie played a very fine innings for Civil Service. At the moment he does not possess a great many scoring shots but he plays a very straight bat and off-drives very nicely.

Hung and Broadbridge gave Craigen-gower a good start, the former batting aggressively as is his wont and the latter waiting for the loose ones. Runs came freely, particularly when U. M. Omar was batting. The last-named hit furious's and in one over—from Ainslie I think—scored almost 20.

The unfortunate accident to Broadbridge started the C.C.C. riot which has already been described. Broadbridge attempted to hook a fastish ball after he had been batting for a long time, and was hit full on the mouth. He was forced to leave the field and was taken to Tung Wah Hospital with badly cut lips and sans a couple of teeth.

Near the end, when Craigen-gower were in such sorry straits, it was hoped that he would get back in time to bat if necessary. Actually he did not return to the ground until 6 o'clock, ten minutes after the match had finished, so he would not have been much use if Craigen-gower had not managed by that time to win.

Smith took 5 for 28 but I am told that he was very erratic and that these figures rather flatter him.

Abbas Beats Varsity

Thanks to the fine all-round form of M. R. Abbas, I.R.C. 2nd XI had an easy win over University. Abbas scored 69 of the Indians' total of 170 for 7, and then proceeded to take 6 for 34. Young Atcull also bowled well for the winners but there was little else in the match of particular note.

K.C.C. did little to distinguish themselves in their match with Police although they won by 70



runs. Against a team who were without their regular opening bowlers K.C.C. scored only 134, of which Baxter made a typical 57. Rapley 24 and Curtis 25 not out. Cause of the damage was Danbrowsky, who got among the wickets and took 6 for 16.

Carey—he carries a big responsibility on his shoulders, nowadays—made 26 and Tyler 21 but that was as far as Police resistance went. Fenton had a good spell with the ball and took 5 for 7.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUTTING FREEDOM

By BEST BALL

In putting, the object is to knock the ball into the hole and so long as one can do this, it would seem to matter little what form he used. For methods, stances, even strokes in putting differ widely. Each golfer adapts a stance, which he feels gives him the greatest measure of comfort and balance compatible with accuracy.

Johnny Revolta and Bobby Jones above use different stances, different strokes yet their position over the ball is entirely without strain. Jones' stroke consisted of long, smooth backstroke which floated gracefully onto the ball and followed through prominently in the same velvet like fashion. Revolta's backswing is restricted but his follow through long. To the spectator, the backswing seems a jerk, ending abruptly in a shove through the ball. The formula works for Revolta, its very backswing brevity apparently reducing the chances for errors. To reduce strain, plant the feet comfortably and bend the knees. A feeling of freedom here will allow a freer stroke.

Next Article.—Digging In.

BADMINTON

ANOTHER
WIN FOR
K.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club registered yet another success in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, this time at the expense of Police, and are now in a strong position for the Sectional championship.

In the other two matches played St. Andrew's easily beat Kowloon Tong, for whom Peter Fletcher made his first appearance of the season to help Richard Lee to win two games, and King's College scored another two points, their victims being Victoria Recreation Club.

Following are detailed results. At home St. Andrew's beat Kowloon Tong by 7 games to 2.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's), beat R. M. Lavalle and S. T. Chung 21 11.
beat P. Lo and M. S. Lee 21 6.
beat R. E. Lee and P. Fletcher 21 16.
W. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's), beat Lavalle and Chung 21 8.
beat Lo and Lee 21 12.
lost to Lee and Fletcher 12 21.
M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's), beat Lavalle and Chung 21 12.
beat Lo and Lee 21 14.
lost to Lee and Fletcher 13 21.

Police v K.C.C.

At Headquarters, Police lost to Kowloon C.C. by 1 game to 8.

W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police), lost to P. Wynter-Blyth and A. I. Fisher 12 21.
beat J. L. Anderson and Jones 21 9.
lost to A. Zimmerman and D. H. Hazell 17 21.
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Su (Police), lost to Wynter-Blyth and Fisher 8 21.
lost to Anderson and Jones 10 21.
lost to Zimmerman and Hazell 6 21.
J. Ferrer and S. Hogarth (Police), lost to Wynter-Blyth and Fisher 1 21.
lost to Anderson and Jones 3 21.
lost to Zimmerman and Hazell 4 21.
The match between Recreation and Chung Wah was postponed and will be played on Friday.

King's v V.R.C.

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 games to 2.

S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's), beat D. M. Xavier and S. A. Ramjahn 21 15.
beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21 9.
beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios 21 1.
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's), beat Xavier and Ramjahn 21 13.
lost to Basto and Soares 15 21.
beat Castro and Remedios 21 15.
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's), lost to Xavier and Ramjahn 19 24.
beat Basto and Soares 21 10.
beat Castro and Remedios 21 10.

LEAGUE TABLE

SECTION "A"						
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	4	0	4	28	8	8
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recreation	3	1	2	17	10	4
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	26	2
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0
SECTION "B"						
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	5	0	5	31	14	10
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	20	25	4
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21	4
Police	5	5	0	8	34	0

M'SEX BEAT
Y.M.C.A.

Middlesex, without Berry, trounced a European Y.M.C.A. team 6-2 in a water-polo encounter at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday. Y.M.C.A. failed to appear with a full side and the team was made up to strength by S. H. Wong, a spectator.

Y.M.C.A. were without Ralton for the first four minutes and during this period Middlesex scored four goals, Bindon being in great form with long range shots which Wong, of Lai Tsun fame, was unable to reach.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY
TEAM

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. team at hockey against Signals at 5 p.m. to-day at King's Park.—V. M. Benwell; J. Whitburn; H. B. Jordan; H. W. Smits; L. F. Coombes; J. K. Gilchrist; L. W. Macey; R. G. Spencelayh; Hitchcock; W. Ure; and R. Banks.

Ordnance Corps Give
Service Corps A Fright

By "Referee"

SERVICE CORPS were fully extended in their Second Division football game at Sookunpoo yesterday by Ordnance and it was only in the closing stages of the game that they gained an ascendancy over their opponents.

Ordnance were without several of their regular players and on the whole did well as they seemed to be able to suit themselves better to the slippery state of the ground.

Reynolds again played a good game for Ordnance in goal while both the backs, Adams and Russell, showed up well particularly in the second half. In the intermediate line, Stephens, in the pivotal position, was a hard worker and his tackling spoiled many a promising move of

his feet and passes often went astray.

Service Corps' forwards were not as dangerous as usual and only Glen, on the right wing, was up to usual form. In the second half this player was prominent with his runs down the wing and scored two goals in addition to having a hand in another.

Clarke and Young did some good work in the centre but their passes were often intercepted while Martin only came into his own in the second half.

Smart, at right half, was the pick of the intermediate line while Young's heading enabled him to clear often.

The Scoring

Ordnance took the lead in the first half through Hewitson but

Morgan placed Service Corps on level terms soon after.

In the second half Stephens gave his side the lead with a well-placed free kick and a few minutes later Ordnance should have increased the lead but Pennington, when well placed, shot weakly and Mattison cleared.

Service Corps equalised through Martin from a centre from Young and shortly after missed a penalty.

Play was still very even and Glen placed his side in the lead for the first time with a good shot and before time the same player added another.

SERVICE CORPS—Mattison, Murray and Bradshaw; Smart, Young and Hammond; Glen, Clarke, Morgan, Weir and Martin.

ORDNANCE—Reynolds; Adams and Russell; Nicholls; Stephens and Standring; Lines, Roberts, Hewitson, Duffield and Pennington.

THE CATCH OF THE SEASON

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Admiral (Come-Out-And-Fight) Cunningham Offers Challenge To Luftwaffe

NO TAKERS IN FIRST FOUR DAYS OF SWEEP

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, On Board a British Battleship)

UNDETERRED BY THE new threat from the skies Britain's powerful eastern Mediterranean battle fleet has once again put to sea.

Taking up the gauntlet flung down by the Luftwaffe on the decks of the aircraft-carrier Illustrious in the epic seven-hour duel last month, the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, issued a stirring signal to all ships that "Italian or German, these pests must be shot out of the sky."

The German and Italian air forces have exercised well within range of enemy aircraft without producing a reply from the enemy.

Certain units have fulfilled a highly important mission in the central Mediterranean, and light forces along the Italian coast have maintained uninterrupted operations.

Far from shrinking before the aerial threat, the fleet is carrying the war into the enemy's camp, ready to make or seek an engagement.

Not Accepted

In the fourth day of the present voyage the British challenge has not been accepted.

The fleet has completed covering operations uneventfully and

GREEKS MAINTAINING PRESSURE

The Greeks are maintaining pressure all along the Albanian front. Many prisoners have been captured and great quantities of war material have fallen in Greek hands.

After fierce attacks, the Greeks captured another important height on the Klisoura front. — Reuter.

ONE MILLION SIGNATURES SOUGHT

A movement to secure one million signatures of Japanese who support Wang Ching-wei is now under way, with a total of 100,000 signatures having already been collected, says the Shanghai Japanese press quoted by Reuter.

MOUNTING THE HIGH HORSE

A threatening tone was used by the Spanish newspaper "Arriba" yesterday in an article attacking the British blockade and those who "with-in and without are trying to paralyse Spain."

After stating that thus far Spaniards have been able to rest from their recent battle and forgive the enemies who put obstacles in the way of their progress, the newspaper adds: "But henceforth we must be united and vigilant round our flag."

"The moment has come when action must succeed words and a wrathful offensive replace a prudent defence. If we, with our present circumstances at home and elsewhere are to improve and Spain is to be something more than a desert in which the last hungry groups of an old race of soldiers are encamped."

The article follows a number of allusions in the press and speeches during recent days to the blockade as one of the causes of Spain's food shortage. — Reuter.

BIG RADIO STATION FOR DELHI

An order has been placed in England for a 100-kilowatt transmitter for an All-India Radio.

The transmitter, one of the most powerful in the world, will be installed at Delhi. Preliminary work, such as choice of site and so forth, is progressing.

It is expected that the new station will be audible all over the world. It will be used for broadcasts to Europe, Africa and the Far and Middle East. — Reuter.

CUT IN TIN PLATE PRODUCTION

The Supply Minister, Sir Andrew Duncan, announced in the Commons yesterday that in order to meet demands for other forms of steel, the production of tin plate would be progressively reduced to some 25 per cent below the level at which industry was recently operating. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Mgr. H. Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong is safe in Hong Kong having returned from Sha-yu-chung yesterday.

Speaking to the "China Mail" this morning, the Bishop said he was in Sha-yu-chung on Tuesday night when a few Japanese entered the village port.

He was informed that the highway between Sha-yu-chung and Tamshui had been occupied and decided to return to Hong Kong as it appeared that the Japanese had come to stay.

A Hong Kong Police launch in Mirs Bay was signalled by the Japanese and went into Sha-yu-chung to bring the Bishop back to Hong Kong.

Arriving at Shataukok, the Bishop was met by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke and later returned to the Catholic Rectory in Caine Road.

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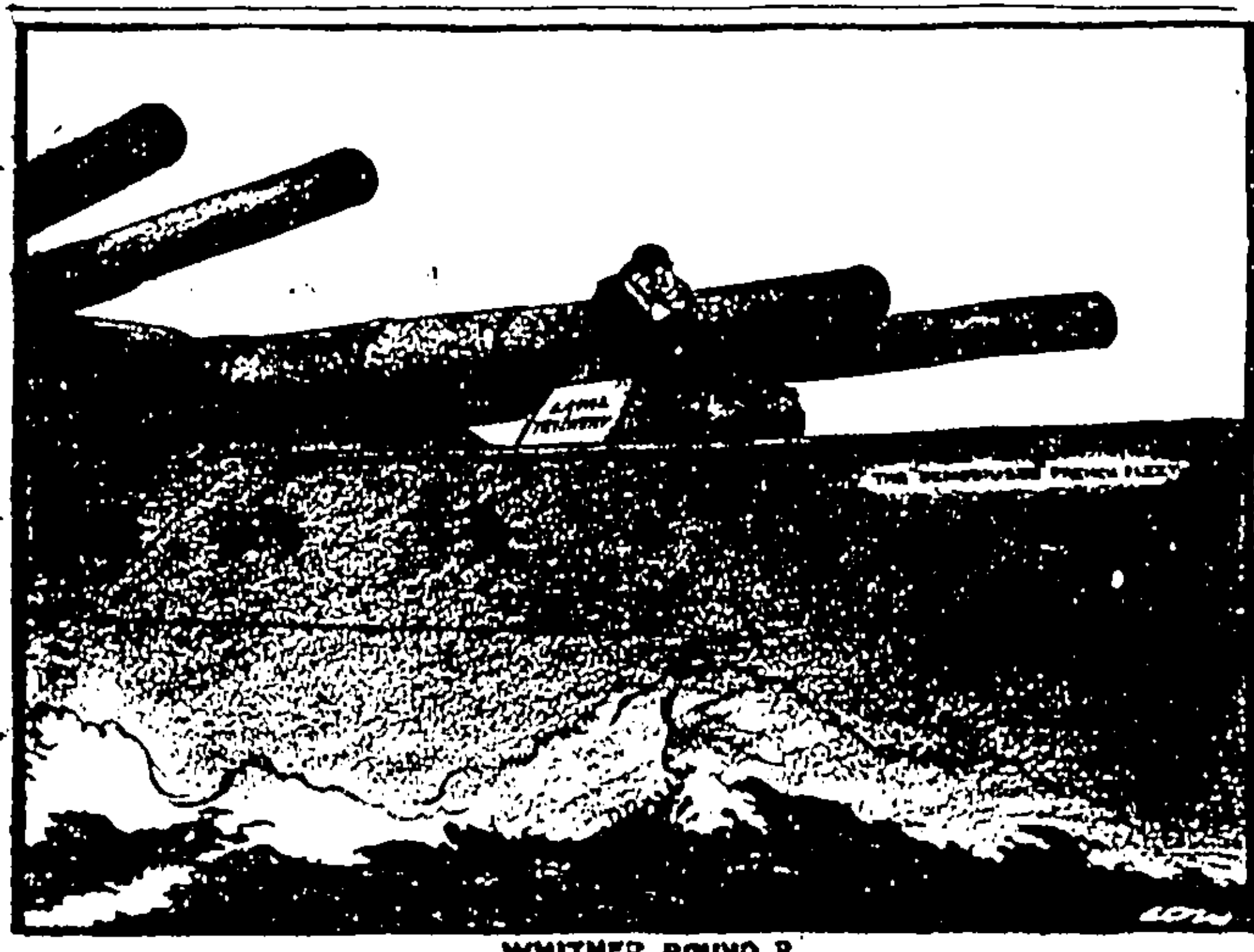
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WILLKIE MESSAGE FOR GERMANS

Before leaving England to return to America, Mr. Wendell Willkie gave the following message for transmission to the German people:

"I am of purely German descent. My family name is not Willkie but Willkies."

"My grandparents left Germany 90 years ago because they were protestants against autocracy and demanded the right to live as free men. I too claim that right."

"I am proud of my German blood. But I hate aggression and tyranny."

"Tell the German people my convictions are shared to the full by an overwhelming majority of my fellow-countrymen of German descent. They too believe in freedom and human rights."

"Tell the German people we German-Americans reject and hate the aggression and lust for power of the present German Government." — British Wireless.

AIR TRAINING CORPS PLAN SUCCESS

Ninety-one local units of the Air Training Corps, which is open to youths from 16 years of age, have already been registered at A.T.C. Headquarters. Eighty of these units are in England, six in Scotland and five in Wales. — British Wireless.

Playing On Vichy Nerves

While the Vichy Cabinet was meeting yesterday afternoon to head Admiral Darlan's report of his parley with the Germans in Paris, pressure was again applied through the voice of Stuttgart radio station.

In a broadcast in the French language the German announcer expressed himself pessimistically about the chances of an improved understanding between Vichy and Berlin.

"If," he stated, "the position remains as at present or changes for the worse, as it seems likely to do, Germany will have to be on her guard and will be obliged to require facilities from France and impose much more severe peace terms." — Reuter.

R.A.F. PATROLS CHANNEL

The R.A.F. was very active over the English Channel and north-west France yesterday, states the Air Ministry.

Fighter patrols have been maintained resulting in the destruction of an enemy bomber over the Channel during the morning and a second during the afternoon.

Early in the afternoon a squadron of British bombers

HITLER HAS INFORMED VICHY THAT A "COMPLETE AND RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND AND PUT INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY," ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM THE FRENCH FRONTIER TO THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The Vichy Government is understood still to be trying to play for time and to avoid a definite yes or no, but this time the German demands appear to be in the nature of an ultimatum.

No information on yesterday's French Cabinet meeting has been forthcoming.

Toulouse radio merely said it was "very important."

Meanwhile Admiral Darlan will probably return to Paris this morning, according to well-informed circles in Vichy quoted by the Swiss radio. — Reuter.

Meeting Ends At 5.30 a.m.

THE FRENCH CABINET MEETING UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY LASTED TWO HOURS, ENDING AT 5.20 A.M. (G.M.T.)

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, WAS CONFINED TO THE STATEMENT THAT "ADMIRAL DARLAN REPORTED ON THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH HE HAD IN PARIS DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS. SUBSEQUENTLY THE MINISTERS DELIBERATED ON GENERAL POLICY." — REUTER.

escorted by a considerable number of fighters, carried out a sweep over northern France during which aerodromes were successfully raided. Two enemy aircraft were shot down in combat. — Reuter.

Five Fighters Missing

During the sweep over Northern France (says British Wireless) the aerodrome at St. Omer was successfully attacked.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down in combat, while five of our fighters are missing.

Laval's Intrigue

Pierre Laval lost his post in the Petain Government last December because he had completed negotiations with the Germans for them to have use of the French Fleet and occupy the French naval base at Bizerta.

This is according to information received in Washington yesterday from Europe by well-informed diplomatic quarters.

On Laval's return to the Cabinet, it is learned from the same source, Berlin is demanding fulfilment of the agreement but Marshal Petain is unwilling to agree. — Reuter.

GERMAN 'PLANE CRASHES IN COUNTY CORK

A German aircraft crashed yesterday morning in County Cork, it was officially announced in Dublin.

Five of the crew of six were killed, the sixth being badly injured. The 'plane was completely wrecked.

The 'plane seen was coming in over the bay with smoke pouring from it, crashed and burst into flames. — Reuter.



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JAPANESE ATTACKING WAICHOW

Thousands More Troops Landed At Bias Bay

Battle Reported In Progress North Of Tamshui

ITALIAN PRISONERS RECAPTURED

Both the Italian prisoners who escaped from an internment camp near Calcutta on Tuesday have been recaptured. — Reuter.

2,000 Britons In Paris

About 2,000 British subjects are still living at liberty in Paris.

This was revealed by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a Commons question yesterday.

They are able to obtain from the U.S. Embassy sufficient cash up to £10 per month to enable them to obtain "modest board and lodging," Mr. Butler added.

After mentioning International Red Cross arrangements whereby 20-word messages may be sent by a person in the U.K. to relatives in occupied France, Mr. Butler said that although the matter was being kept very much in mind there were grave difficulties in the way of any arrangement for an exchange of German women in British hands for British women in German hands. — British Wireless.

BIGGER & BETTER BOMBS

R.A.F. aircraft dropped some of the heaviest type high explosive bombs, together with a large number of incendiaries, when Dusseldorf was raided on Tuesday night.

Part of widespread activities covering a large area both on the coast and inland, this industrial town was attacked for four hours and a half.

The sky was overclouded during the earlier part of the raid and some aircraft were forced to seek alternative targets.

One of these bombers attacked a nearby aerodrome from 1,000 feet, dropping bombs amongst buildings and spraying the whole area with machine-gun fire.

As this aircraft was leaving the pilot saw a military lorry approaching along the road, and swooping down to about 100 feet, the British crew attacked it with the forward machine-guns. — British Wireless.

LAND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHIUKWAN, THE KWANGTUNG WARTIME CAPITAL, HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SEVERED WITH THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF TAMSHUI AND SHA-YU-CHUNG.

Several Japanese transports arrived in Bias Bay yesterday and thousands of additional troops were landed and sent up into the interior. Heavy artillery were also landed.

The Japanese are reported to be converging on Waichow which last night was still in the hands of the Chinese, who have been reinforced by troops sent from the Shikwan area.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese advance is at present halted midway between Waichow and Tamshui and a pitched battle was in progress last night.

The invading troops from Shumchun passed through Ping Wu and Lung Long and reached Tamshui yesterday afternoon, after which they struck out northwards in the direction of Waichow.

Waichow Bombed

Waichow was bombed by Japanese aircraft yesterday but details are lacking.

Some 6,000 Japanese troops have been concentrated at Sheklung, on the East River, and part of this force is reported to have left the town in the direction of Waichow proceeding along the East River, supported by aircraft. Waichow is apparently being attacked from three directions.

No Border Influx

There has been no influx of refugees from Chinese territory at the border but all precautions to deal with such a situation have been taken by the authorities.

Police patrols have been increased and the Immigration staff has also been reinforced.

Refugees willing to enter refugee camps will be allowed to do so while others will be treated as ordinary immigrants without immigration papers.

BIRTHDAY OF AN "EMPEROR"

TOWNS IN MANCHUKUO WILL BE BEFLAGGED TO-DAY ON THE OCCASION OF THE EMPEROR'S THIRTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY. WHILE GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL CELEBRATE ALL DAY.

The holiday will be observed by several appropriate ceremonies. In the morning, the Emperor will personally worship at the State Foundation Shrine in the Imperial Palace. — Reuter.

SIR RODERICK JONES RETIRES

After being the head of Reuter's for the last quarter of a century and having completed 40 years of service with the company, Sir Roderick Jones, who succeeded Baron de Reuter in 1915, has resigned his position as Chairman and Managing Director. It was announced in London yesterday, says a Reuter despatch.

STIMSON CORRECTS CRITICS

In giving evidence before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations the U.S. Secretary for War, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, made some interesting remarks about the policy of the British Government regarding Manchukuo.

In reply to questions, he said his book on the subject had been far too widely and sweepingly interpreted as a condemnation of the British Government, who made a long and to some extent effective effort resulting in a juridical condemnation of Japan by the League of Nations.

Mr. Stimson went into this point now only because Great Britain had so many times been mistakenly criticised, with his apparent authority, by people who had not read his book. — Reuter.

WILLKIE PLANS

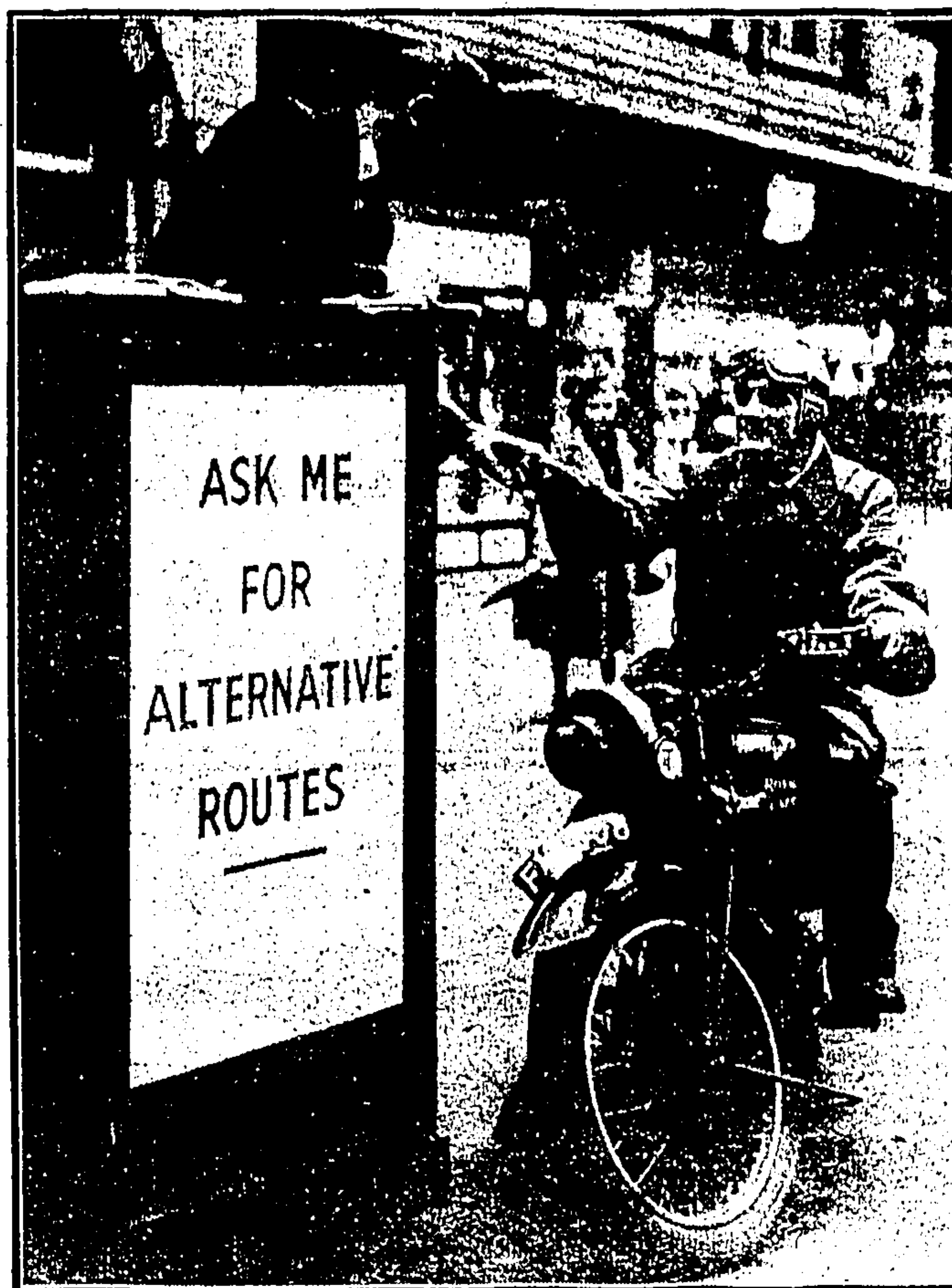
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ARRIVED IN LISBON LAST NIGHT BY AIR FROM ENGLAND ONLY A FEW MINUTES AHEAD OF A BIG GERMAN JUNKERS TRANSPORT, EN ROUTE BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

"I got the information I went after," he said on arrival, "but I do not wish to announce my conclusions until I get home."

Mr. Willkie was to leave in the Pan-American Clipper at midnight. — International News Service.

CINEMA VAN FOR A.A. GUNNERS

The Generosity of the people of Fort Jameson, Northern Rhodesia, has provided a most welcome gift of a cinema van for the use of A.A. gunners in the U.K. The van, which will take amusement into many lonely gun emplacements, was handed over by the Colonial Under-Secretary to Sir Frederick Pile, who commands the A.A. Command. — British Wireless.



The Southern Railway Company have made arrangements to have an emergency despatch rider service to their information kiosks should telephones be out of order. Photo shows a railway despatch rider giving a message to the "Information Man." (Copyright, Fox).

DIMINUTION OF ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN

DIMINUTION OF THE anti-British campaign in North China is indicated in latest reports, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply to a question by Major-General Sir Alfred Knox (Cons.) in the Commons yesterday regarding the activities of subordinate Japanese officials.

Mr. Butler said, however, that there was a certain amount of press agitation.

Major-General Knox asked how much in arrears are payments of interest to British bond-holders secured on the Chinese Customs, the position in relation to the Chinese Government, and whether the Inspector-General of Customs can allocate from Customs revenue without interference by the Japanese in occupied areas.

Mr. Butler, in a written reply, said that apart from amounts allocated for the upkeep of the Customs establishment, Customs revenue collected in occupied areas is paid into Japanese-controlled banks, and none of it is remitted to the Inspector-General for other purposes.

Consequently the Chinese Government decided, from January 15, 1939, to suspend the service of loans secured on the Customs. British bond-holders had not received interest since. — Reuter.

CARGO SHIP BILL PASSES

The House of Representatives in Washington yesterday accepted the Senate's amendments to the Bill for construction of a fleet of 200 cargo ships and the Bill was forwarded to the White House for signature.

President Roosevelt recently asked Congress for an appropriation of \$13,000,000 to cover the cost of building these vessels. — Reuter.

BRITISH HOLDINGS CANARD

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY HAS NOTIFIED THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT THREE LARGE BRITISH-OWNED INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS—LEVER BROTHERS, THE AMERICAN VISCOSSE CORPORATION AND THE DUNLOP TYRE COMPANY—AS WELL AS SMALLER PRIVATE HOLDING COMPANIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ASSETS WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GAVE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SHOW THAT IT WOULD SOON RUN OUT OF ITS DOLLAR EXCHANGE FOR BUYING OF WAR SUPPLIES.

This information was made public in a letter to Senator Byrne which refuted the statement made on Tuesday by General Robert Wood, Chairman of the Board of Sears Roebuck and Company.

General Wood had said that he did not believe that British interests in such large companies as those mentioned, and in cotton plantations and other holdings, were listed. — Reuter.

Italians Discover New Turn Of Speed In Retreat

Beetling For Benghazi At Thirty Miles Per Day

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with British Headquarters in the Middle East)

THE SPEED OF THE ITALIAN WITHDRAWAL IN LIBYA, ERITREA AND ABYSSINIA HAS SHOWN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE LAST 36 HOURS.

The retreat towards Benghazi is proceeding at the rate of 20 to 30 miles a day.

Concentrated bombing by the R.A.F. is causing heavy casualties.

With the troops are hundreds of Italian settlers who arrived in this region with their families only three years ago.

British troops, following close behind along two parallel roads running west from Cyrene to Benghazi, are meeting with little opposition.

The country behind the British and Benghazi is completely lacking in fortified positions.

Next Objective

Barce, which is the eastern terminus of the Benghazi railway, is presumably the next British objective.

Though Appollonia, near Cyrene, has not been mentioned in British communications it can be assumed that it has been abandoned by the Italians.

A Rout!

In Eritrea the Italian withdrawal towards the south-east from Barentu has degenerated into a rout.

The fleeing Italians are abandoning supplies of all sorts in their haste to reach the main Asmara-Addis Ababa road.

In Abyssinia the British pursuit of the Italian column retreating towards Gondar, north of Lake Tana, is stated to be continuing in spite of the enemy's delaying tactics.—Reuter.

1,500 More Prisoners In Eritrea

FIFTEEN HUNDRED PRISONERS, MOST OF THEM WHITE, HITHERTO HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE BRITISH FORCES PURSUING THE ITALIANS RETREATING TOWARDS THE RED SEA ALONG ERITREA'S ONLY RAILWAY.

Much material has been abandoned by the enemy.

The mechanised Sudan Defence Force is carrying out the pursuit, which began with the capture of Barentu last week-end.

Road Mined

In the Umm-Hagar area, near the Abyssinian frontier, large quantities of mechanised transport, some of which is in good condition, are falling into British hands.

Contact is being maintained with a patrol army in the Walkait region in north-west Abyssinia.

The enemy have laid minefields along the 90-mile road leading to Gondar from the Sudan but British mobile units continue to make satisfactory progress.—Reuter.

Stragglers Captured

Urged on by British and Imperial troops the Italians in Libya are increasing the speed of their withdrawal towards Benghazi, and hitherto 400 stragglers have been captured.

This was revealed in yesterday's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo.

The communique also announced that in Eritrea British operations about Keren are developing successfully.

Meanwhile the Italian forces retreating eastwards from Barentu and Biacundi are being heavily pressed, leaving all routes littered with gear, war material and vehicles.

Hundreds Of Prisoners

In addition to those already recorded, many hundreds of prisoners have been captured.

In Abyssinia the British advance eastwards on the Gondar road is also progressing, while in the southern area South African troops are consolidating enemy positions recently captured.

British patrols in Italian Somaliland continue to be active in all sectors. One patrol on Tuesday attacked and captured an enemy post 45 miles inside the Italian frontier.—Reuter.

WIFE OF OFFICER IN SLUM

The young wife of a junior Army officer was compelled to move out of her home and go into the slums with her baby and do charring, because she received such a small allowance.

Her case is to be taken up by Mr. E. W. Salt M.P. for Yardley, Birmingham.

He is to ask the Minister for War, whether he is aware of the hardships endured by wives of junior Army officers under thirty, who receive 21s. a week allowance against 42s. allowance for husbands over thirty.

In a letter to Mr. Salt, the wife wrote:—

"My husband joined up to do his bit for his country, but I have had to suffer for it. I have already had to give up my home and got a job although I am in poor health and have a five-month-old baby."

Mr. Salt told a reporter: "In this case the husband is a smart man for twenty-six. He had a good job as a Civil Servant and he and his wife lived in a nice house in a residential part of Birmingham."

"I know that his wife has been compelled to move into the slums and do all kinds of work, including charring, to keep herself and her baby. It is a disgrace that because a woman marries an officer under thirty she should receive only half the allowance."

"It is an old-fashioned Army order originally made to discourage young officers in the Army from marrying."



THE PREMIER INSPECTS THE COAST DEFENCES.—Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, accompanied by the First Sea Lord (Sir Dudley Pound) and General Brooke, made an inspection recently of the first line defences on the coast. Photo shows Mr. Churchill leading the way up the plank to inspect some of the defences. (Copyright, Fox).

CAPT. ABEL BEST'S DEATH: CHINA SEA MEMORIES

CAPTAIN ABEL MARDLAN BEST, whose death at the age of 82 was announced yesterday, went to sea for over 60 years, half his service being off the China Coast.

Interviewed recently he described Chinese pirates and dope smugglers as "a picnic compared with the bulls and bears of Wall Street."

NAZI WENT DOWN FIGHTING

In a combat over Sussex, a Messerschmitt pilot, smoke pouring from his damaged machine, gave fight to a pursuing Spitfire. The British pilot, a flying officer, was leading his section on patrol when about 30 Messerschmitts 109 were sighted 2,000 feet below. As the rest of the squadron dived to attack, the flying officer saw six Messerschmitts circling above.

"I immediately joined in the circle with another Spitfire," he said, "and when I reckoned the squadron was well on its way down, I attacked a Messerschmitt 109 in front of me with a three seconds burst at 150 yards. The other enemy aircraft immediately dispersed and I was surprised and delighted to find that the one I attacked climbed to port and put up a fight, while smoke was issuing from its engine."

"I circled one and a half times before closing once more to point blank range with a three seconds

burst which caused him to half roll down. I followed easily and gave another two seconds burst."

"He continued to dive towards the ground, and to prevent him hedge hopping away in case he wasn't finished, I gave him another two seconds burst, which sent him crashing into a field somewhere between East Grinstead and Tunbridge Wells."

"I circled a couple of minutes and saw troops dashing to the wreckage as I returned to base."

He had strong views on the international situation. "If I had my way I'd treat some of those continental fellows like we used to treat Chinese dope smugglers—hang 'em," he said.—Reuter.

After retirement he speculated on the New York Stock Market and lost his life savings, but was not down-hearted and lived at the Royal Alfred Home for aged merchant seamen at Belvedere, Kent.

Born in India he came to England at the age of two. Sent to sea in the tough old days of 1876 he spent 30 years in the Chinese Customs and skipped cargo-boats running from Swatow to Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok.

He retired at 73 and went to England in 1932 "after finding my share of dividends wouldn't buy me a cup of tea daily."

NATIVE TROOPS CAPTURE ITALIAN POST

Strong native African fighting patrols successfully attacked and captured Beles Gugani, a defended Italian post inside the Italian Somaliland border, according to last night's Nairobi communique.

The communique adds that pursuit of the enemy is being carried out.—Reuter.

Sabotage By The Czechs

Large-scale sabotage of food supplies for Germany has been reported to Berlin by German agricultural agents in Prague, according to news reaching London yesterday.

A message says that last year 250,000 pigs, calves and cattle were secretly slaughtered and at least 300,000 tons of meat prevented from reaching Germany.

Thirteen thousand wagonloads of grain were also successfully hidden.

No food census or house inspections have been ordered as the Germans fear this would cause more supplies to be destroyed in panic.

New punishments have been devised to prevent such sabotage, the least being a fine of 10,000 crowns with six months imprisonment.—Reuter.

LEAGUE DEPARTMENTS FUNCTIONING

THE WORK OF THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL SECTIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, TEMPORARILY DOMICILED IN CANADA, IS CARRYING ON AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON NORMAL LINES.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, told the Commons at question time yesterday that it was the British Government's desire to make the best practical use of these organisations.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. BOMBERS GIVE NO RESPITE TO FLEEING ITALIANS

BOMBER AIRCRAFT of the R.A.F. on Tuesday made repeated raids on Barce, Berka, Benina and Italian lines of communication to Benghazi.

Between Maraua and Barce motor transport was heavily attacked and much damage caused. Barce railway station was also raided and three direct hits registered on the track near the station.

Hangars were hit at Berka and a large fire started at Benina. An R.A.F. communique from Middle East Headquarters in Cairo announcing these operations says British fighter patrols were active and two Italian machines were shot down.

An enemy flyingboat anchored off Tolmetta was destroyed and an enemy bomber crashed at Appollinia.

A fighter squadron of the South African Air Force has had repeated successes in supporting the army offensive in Eritrea.

Azoza Attack

It attacked a landing ground near Azoza, where five Italian machines, already bombed, were set on fire.

During an engagement in the Asmara area aircraft of the same squadron intercepted enemy fighters and shot down one.

Another was machine-gunned on the ground and destroyed.

At Terani, four machines were observed burnt out on the landing ground while three others, in an unserviceable condition due to air attacks, were captured at Barentu.

In addition R.A.F. bombers raided a number of military objectives in Eritrea.

Motor-transport were set on fire on the Metemma-Gondar road and between Asmara and Keren; a motor convoy was attacked.

Gura Raid

The aerodrome at Gura was raided and three direct hits registered on hangars, causing much damage.

Motor transport were attacked at Makale and three Italian machines destroyed on the ground and others damaged.

Enemy fighters intercepted the R.A.F. bombers but the raid was successfully completed without damage to the British aircraft. In southern Abyssinia aircraft of the South African Air Force continued to support the army, and one fighter pilot alone shot down three Italian planes.

Raid On Malta

Enemy aircraft raided Malta on Tuesday but were intercepted by British fighters and at least three Italian machines were shot down. Others were severely damaged.

Some slight damage was caused to buildings.

With the exception of one bomber and one fighter all British aircraft returned safely to base from all these operations.—Reuter.

DULL SESSION ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday drifted down in a dull session but closed steadier under the leadership of gilt-edged, which rallied on renewed institutional buying. Industrials were rather heavy while home rails, paused but Kaifers were steadily held. Oils occasionally improved. Japanese bonds were inclined to harden and speculative buying of European issues was again in evidence. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

CUBAN TROUBLE SETTLED

President Batista has issued a decree restoring the constitutional guarantees of Cuba, which were suspended on Tuesday morning when he took swift action against an alleged attempt to overthrow him and opposed the chiefs of the armed forces and other officers.—Reuter.

WOMAN GRADUATE STOLE

Mrs. Eleanor May Sharp, thirty-five, of Tennyson Avenue, Cambridge, said to be an M.A. and the wife of a Doctor of Science at Cambridge University, was fined £5 at Cambridge for stealing articles worth 3s. 7d. from a Woolworth's store.

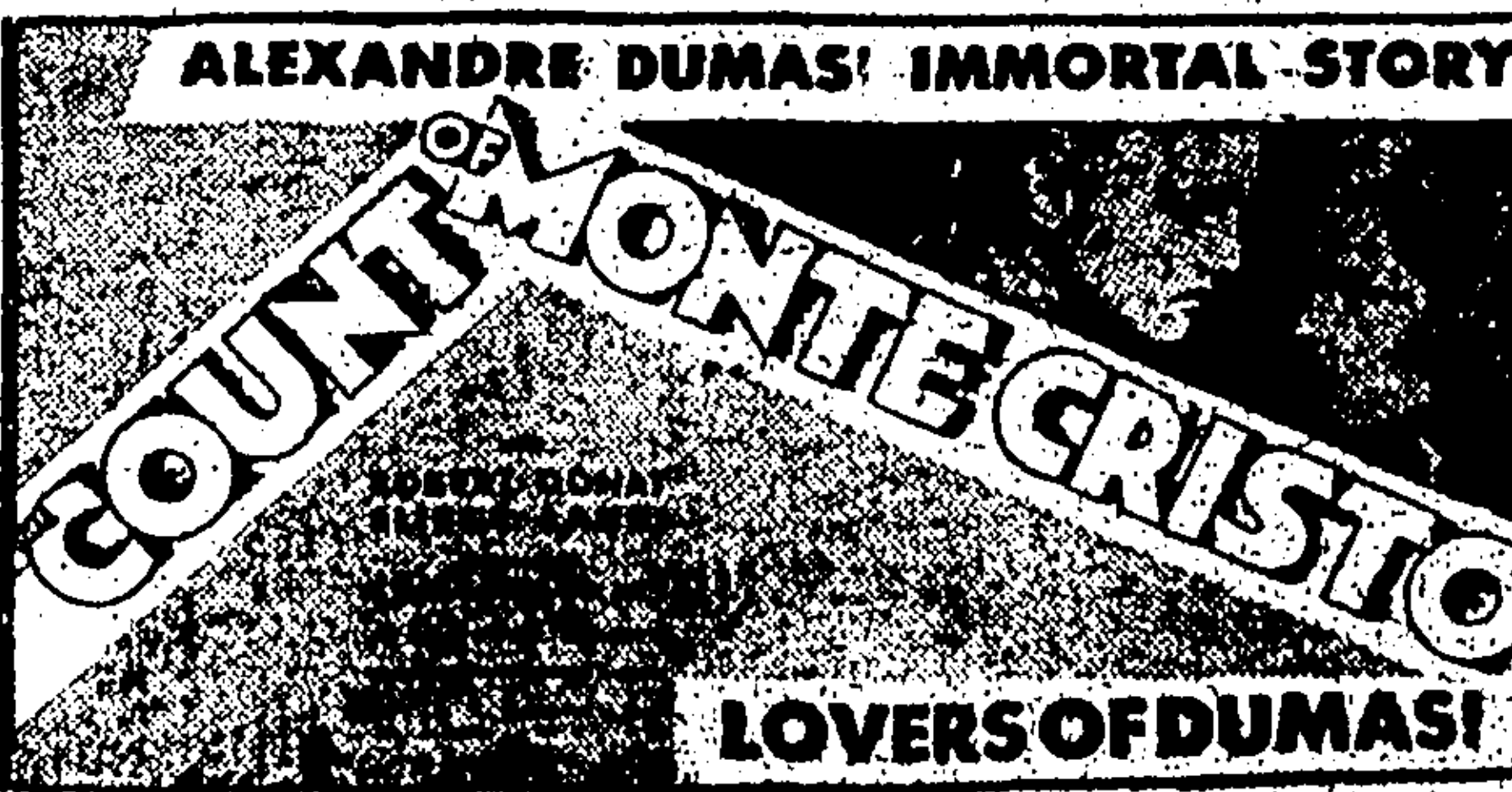
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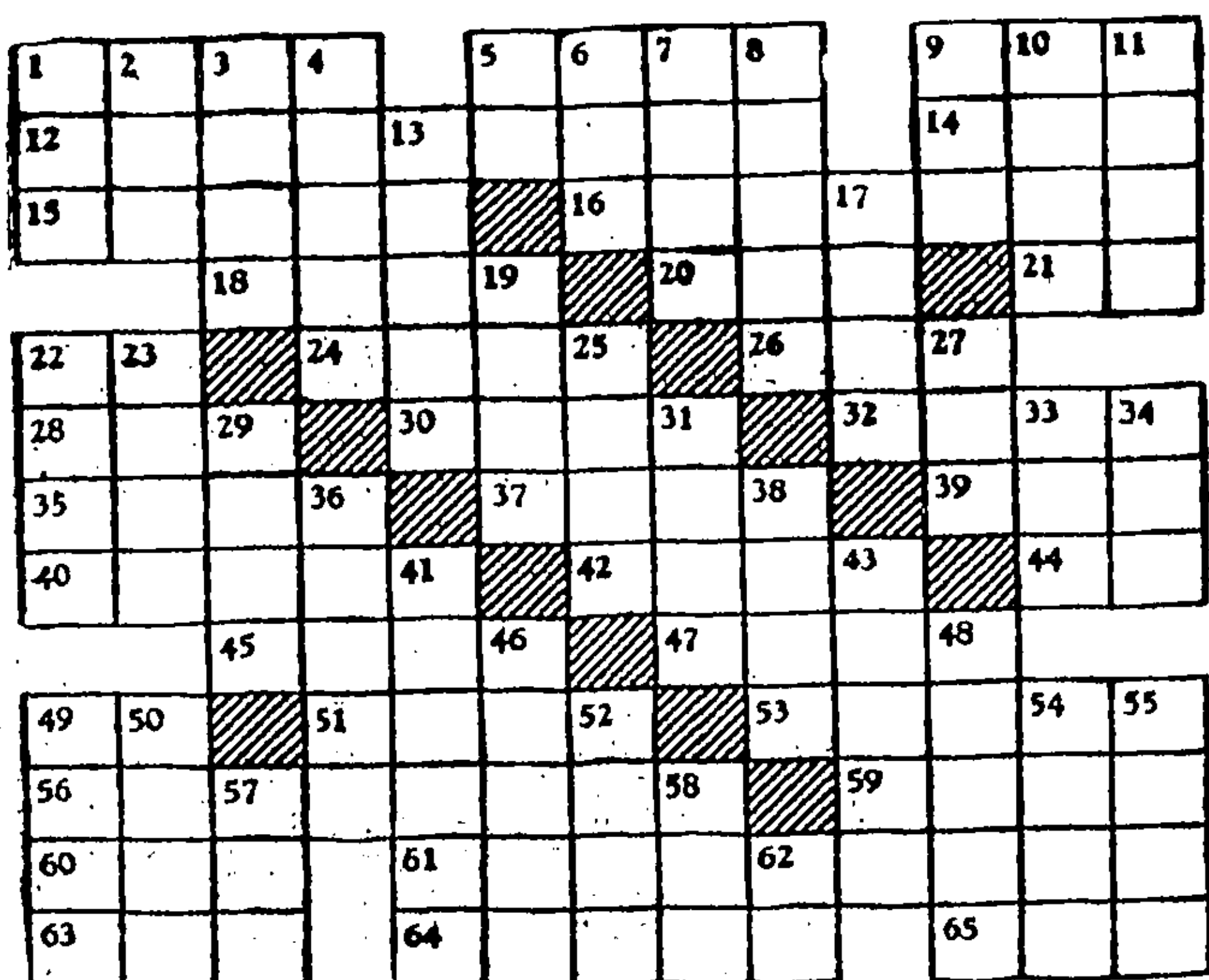
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- 21 Symbol for iron
- 22 Spanish article
- 24 Hindu deity
- 26 Land measure
- 28 Rodent
- 30 Colloquial: to annoy
- 32 Platted collar
- 35 To eat according to regimen
- 37 Missile weapon
- 39 By birth
- 40 Hairs
- 42 Asiatic
- 43 Kingdom
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- 45 Grape refuse
- 47 To break
- 49 Note of scale
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- 53 Large
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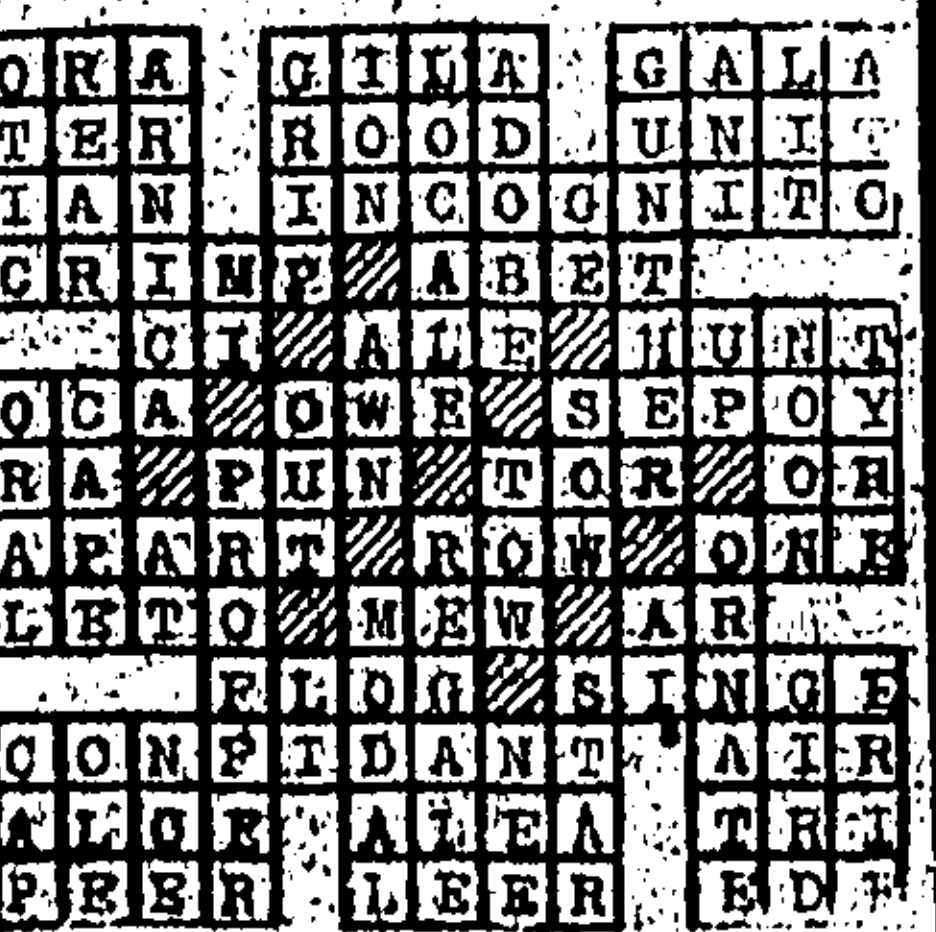
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- 5 Exists
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- 8 Rhythm

9 Herd of whales

- 10 Egyptian crown
- 11 To interpret
- 13 Lowest point
- 17 Ancient lyre
- 19 Eager
- 23 Wagnerian character
- 25 Non-professional
- 27 Cry of sorrow
- 27 Colour
- 29 To abound
- 31 Goddess of discord
- 33 A small number
- 34 Charge
- 36 Shares
- 38 Flavour
- 41 Contusion
- 43 French
- 45 Revolutionary leader
- 46 Immaculate
- 48 Danger
- 49 Pintail duck
- 50 Western state
- 52 Golf stroke
- 54 Ox of Celebes
- 55 Stylish
- 57 Biblical name
- 58 Inlet
- 62 Paid notice

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



LITTLE NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

Although there was some enemy air activity off the east coast and south-east coast yesterday very few enemy aircraft flew inland, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a point in north-east Scotland and at a place in Kent but these did no damage and caused no casualties.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber in the morning. Reuter.

BIG RADIO STATION FOR DELHI

An order has been placed in England for a 100-kilowatt transmitter for an All-India Radio.

The transmitter, one of the most powerful in the world, will be installed at Delhi. Preliminary work, such as choice of site and so forth, is progressing.

It is expected that the new station will be audible all over the world. It will be used for broadcasts to Europe, Africa and the Far and Middle East.—Reuter.

WILLKIE IN LISBON

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ARRIVED IN LISBON BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM ENGLAND ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Douglas airliner which brought him landed at the Cima aerodrome behind a stationary Junkers machine with the Swastika painted on it.

The Douglas liner taxied past the German machine and stopped in front.—Reuter.

CUT IN TIN PLATE PRODUCTION

The Supply Minister, Sir Andrew Duncan, announced in the Commons yesterday that in order to meet demands for other forms of steel, the production of tin plate would be progressively reduced to some 25 per cent below the level at which industry was recently operating.—Reuter.

ONE MILLION SIGNATURES SOUGHT

A movement to secure one million signatures of Japanese who support Wang Ching-wei is now under way, with a total of 100,000 signatures having already been collected, says the Shanghai Japanese press, quoted by Reuter.

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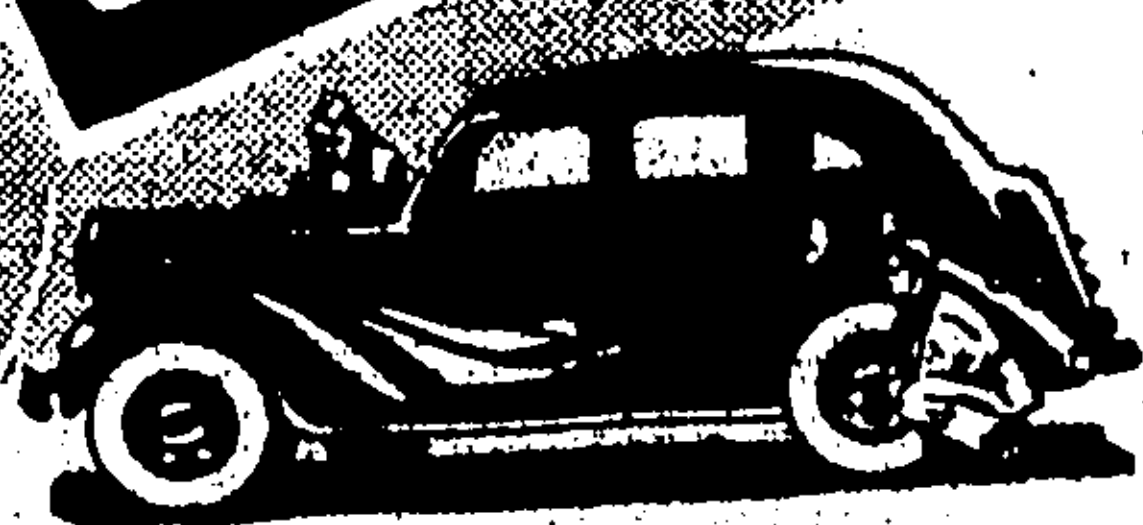
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FEWER CORSETS FOR THE WOMEN OF BRITAIN

MR. OLIVER LYTTTELTON, President of the Board of Trade, has made a new order cutting down supplies of goods classed as luxuries, which will call for more sacrifices from women and children than from men.

For women there will be only half the supplies of corsets stocked in retail shops a year ago, a third of the gloves, a quarter of the household goods made of lace, and a quarter of the fur-lined clothes.

Women are also primarily interested in these cuts:

A quarter of the mattresses containing metal springs.

Two-thirds of the down quilts and sleeping bags.

A third of the carpets and rugs containing wool.

Half the pottery.

A quarter of the fancy goods, house-hold goods and toilet requisites, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' ware, and perfumery and toilet preparations.

Men are favoured. Shaving creams, for instance, are exempt from the restrictions, and most of the reductions in which they are interested are not personal necessities.

Trunks And Bags

For example, office furniture is reduced to one-quarter of last year's supply, and trunks and bags to one-third.

Cameras and photographic papers, musical instruments and sports goods, and machinery are all reduced to one-quarter of last year's supply.

The new limitations will operate for six months.

Mr. Lyttelton, announcing his new order, said: "This war is going to be more uncomfortable for all of us than it has been up to now."

"I think it is well that the public should realise that."

He explained that these cuts were being made not because there was a shortage of goods, but so that raw materials, plant capacity and workers should be released to make munitions and provide equipment for the Forces.

Control By Prices

The reductions will be based on prices. If £1,000,000 worth of cameras were sold in the half-year from December 1, 1939, in the six months beginning next December 1 £250,000 worth only will be retailed.

But instead of selling, say, 125,000 cameras at £2 each, retailers may sell 250,000 at £1 each.

"I feel sure," said Mr. Lyttelton, "that the people of this country will be glad to dispense with many of their luxuries, if, by doing so, they can feel they are adding to our production of aeroplanes, tanks and equipment."

"I do not intend to disguise, but rather throw into relief, the fact that consumers are being asked to do without luxuries, and, indeed, to do without some things which our high standard of life has led us to regard as nearly necessities."

TWINS ARE BLACK AND WHITE!

Mrs. Herbert Strong, a negress, of Hokerton, North Carolina, has given birth to twins, one of which is white and the other black.

The twins, a white son and a black daughter, were born last September, but they have been concealed indoors until now because their Negro father, simple, coal-black Herbert Strong, feared that the "world would talk."

But now the secret is out, the parents are being besieged for film and vaudeville offers amounting to many thousands of dollars.

The father told a New York correspondent: "We are tickled to death at having twins, but, goah, how folk will gossip when they hear one is white."

Scientists believe that either Mrs. Strong or her husband had had a white ancestor.

GIRLS FIND THE FLAWS

In a London factory sits a row of pretty girls each with an eye concentrated on a microscope examining the crystal surface of lenses, which appear to have reached the limit of smooth, glittering perfection.

From time to time one of the "perfect" lenses is set aside, rejected because it contains a flaw so minute that you and I might search for it in vain.

This is one of the dozens of stages through which a binocular lens has to pass.

Seven-Year Training

Girls are chosen exclusively for this stage of the work, because their eyes are sharper to detect a flaw than a man's vision is.

Probably no product demands a higher degree of perfection than the lenses for binoculars, telescopes, periscopes and range-finders.

That is why it is impossible to increase production to any great extent.

It may take as long as seven years to produce a good craftsman.

No Dampness

Even the final polishing of the prisms and lenses calls for minute precautions. Girls for this work have to be chosen not only for their ability as workers but because they have exceptionally dry hands.

Some 14,000 binoculars have been received as a result of the Government's last two appeals. It is calculated that there are at least 100,000 binoculars in the possession of private individuals, and these the Government urgently needs.

DANES KEPT SILENT

A German soldier on getting into a tram in Copenhagen made an inquiry of the conductor in German. The conductor did not reply.

The soldier then turned to the passengers, who numbered 20, and asked if anyone spoke German. There was still no reply. The German then left the tram, shouting angrily: "Some of you know German but will not speak to me."

A business man who tells the story, quoted by Reuter, was one of the passengers. He speaks German well. So did at least four of the other passengers.

WOULDN'T WEAR HAT: SACKED

Because she wouldn't wear a hat to work, a young shorthand typist was dismissed from her job.

The firm of milliners for whom she worked dismissed her without notice, but the legal department of the Shop Assistants' Union secured her wages in lieu of notice.

NATION'S LAUNDRIES TO CLOTHE RAID VICTIMS

BRITAIN'S LAUNDRIES are to become a great network of depots for the collection, cleaning and storage of clothing for air-raid victims and refugees.

Laundry proprietors and their staffs will do the work voluntarily. A ready-made organisation exists to put the scheme into instant operation.

Originator of it is Miss Florence Howey, chief supervisor at a Sunderland laundry.

Her governing director, Mr. H. Lumsden Taylor, told a reporter: "After hearing a broadcast appeal for clothes Miss Howey came to me and suggested we should send to London a big parcel of our stock goods. I agreed."

"Then it dawned on me that the laundries spread all over the country would be a perfect medium for the collection and distribution of second-hand clothing."

"I put it up to the London headquarters of our Institution of British Launderers. They had just been bombed, but that didn't stop our general secre-

Seek Public's Help

The Women's Voluntary Service organisation at once agreed to distribute the clothing when necessary.

Thousands of leaflets have been printed and they will be sent to all laundry customers inviting them to cooperate. Their gifts will be collected by the laundry vans, washed and stored.

There are 2,500 launderers in Britain, so the new scheme means that there will be spread all over the country a vast number of depots ready to provide victims and others with clean clothing on instant demand.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

ITALY'S DESTINY

The situation in the Mediterranean becomes every day increasingly interesting, more especially since Hitler has not, beyond vague threats against Britain, given any indication as to his next move in the Mediterranean area. It is more than possible that the Italian debacle has greatly upset his calculations and that he is hesitating as to the new line he should adopt. When the attempted invasion of Greece was first undertaken it seemed to create confusion of thought as to the reason, but with the passing of time it is becoming increasingly clear that Italy's ill-starred adventure had been hatched by the two major conspirators at Brenner Pass. It was to have been the first step in Hitler's drive towards Syria.

Mussolini has always been obsessed with the idea of gaining control of Greece and the strategic island of Crete — both would be of inestimable value in the Eastern Mediterranean push and this ambition coinciding with Hitler's own particular plans, the momentous step was taken. The world has been watching the result. The Grecian campaign was conceivably not well mounted but few thought that the small Grecian Army, however brave and determined, would be able to dominate the field to the extent it has. Mussolini had not anticipated any great resistance and he has thereby fallen into the trap which greed sometimes spreads before the feet of the would-be victor. He underestimated the strength of the enemy, with the result that Italy is engaged in a major conflict on two fronts and is facing serious disturbances at home.

The immediate question and one that has been agitating the world during the past few weeks is how far Germany intends to help her ally. Mussolini is well aware that he will be supported only in so far as assistance dovetails in with Hitler's revised plans. No other consideration will influence him and as Hitler has always tried to avoid a war on two fronts, it is considered probable that German troops will not take part in the actual fighting. Bomber and fighter participation however, is not strictly allied to troop

Thomas Mann's Xmas Appeal To Germans

German People:

The Christmas feast comes round once more a feast beloved, a feast of love, to you the dearest feast of all, full of light and fragrance and sweet childhood dreams. Indeed, it might be called the most German of all feasts; certainly no people celebrates it with such fervour as you. That may be because its profounder, religious, cosmic meaning symbolises the beginnings, and mirrors the development of your civilisation as a people. In the primitive, pagan time it was the feast of the winter solstice, the rebirth of light out of wintry darkness, the breaking of a new world-dawn. Next the new light became a Babe in the cradle, became the manger at Bethlehem; the feast became the birthday of the Saviour and Son of Man, whose gentle heart gave to the world a new feeling for humanity, a new morality: who called His Father in heaven the Father of all men.

The history of this feast is your history. There was no real, true Germany until the light in the East shone also upon you; until Christian humanity penetrated the primitive, pagan, Germanic world and brought your moral and religious sense, your perceptions of the universe, into contact with Occidental Christian civilisation. To that civilisation you belong; you celebrate your membership when you set up the cradle of the Babe under the lighted tree and put at His feet the images of the adoring shepherds and kings. At the same time you celebrate the glorious contributions made by the Germanic spirit to and through the culture of Occidental Christianity: the works of Dürer and Bach, Schiller's poems of freedom, Goethe's "Iphigenie," "Fidelio," the Ninth Symphony.

So now once more you prepare for the Christian, the Germanic, feast, for the second time in the war your present leaders have foisted upon you and the world. Grieving, many of you, for sons and fathers perished in the onslaught upon your neighbours; heavy-hearted surely all of you at the thought of how long this is to go on and to what it will come at the last. You lay out the presents; they will be rather sparse, for good things are not

fighting so that the appearance of German planes in Mussolini's former sphere of action would not necessarily mean that Germany had shouldered Italy's burden. It may also be that Hitler is weighing the possibility of a combined Italo-German air and submarine attack on Malta as an offset to British victories in North Africa.

Whatever the immediate future may bring to light, one thing stands out clearly and that is Italy's day as an Empire builder has definitely closed. Even more, Italian independence has vanished. Hitler may or may not delay in assuming open control of the country, but that it is merely a question of time before he does so is clear to all on-lookers and possibly to many Italians as well. Whether Mussolini will connive at this last humiliating step is more than probable, as his only hope of retaining some semblance of an authority which he has so thoroughly abused, would be to accept the role of an Italian Quisling.

easy to come by, though your masters in your name have plundered the Continent they have overrun. But the Christmas candles burn. Tell me how by their light do the deeds look to you which your leaders have forced you as a nation to commit in the last year? How do they look, all the villainies they deliberately have made you guilty of, the fathomless misery and human anguish which National Socialist Germany—a Germany no longer permitted to be either

German or Christian—has piled up all round its borders? Tell me, how do these deeds harmonise with the beautiful old hymns you are singing with your children, your own hearts full of sweet, childlike emotion? Or do you no longer sing the old songs? Instead of "Holy Night," have they ordered you to sing the blood-thirsty party hymn of hate, a hodgepodge of street songs and cheap tabloid propaganda that take an obscure good-for-nothing and make out of him a mythical

hero? I doubt not you will obey, for your submissiveness is boundless and grows, let me tell you, every day harder to forgive.

Boundless, well-nigh unforgivable, is your trust—or, rather, let us say, your credulity. You believe a miserable forger of history, a counterfeit conqueror, when he tells you that through him and through you a world shall dawn where all those values will have perished that make not only a Christian a Christian but quite simply a human being a human being: I mean justice, freedom and truth. You believe him when he says that he, the map of the millennia, is come to put himself in Christ's place and to substitute for the gospel of the brotherhood of man in God the code of body and soul destroying force. You believe him when he says you are the master-folk, called to the creation of a "new order," where all the other peoples shall toil for you, as slaves. And as slaves of his unholy fanaticism you go fighting on, berserker-like, for this hideous new order—for a world, that is, wherein to celebrate the feast of peace and love would be a far worse blasphemy even than it is to-day.

Roof Spotter

I shivered. The dark night air bit into me and the stars seemed to tingle with cold when I opened the door to the roof, climbed the steep stair to the Crow's Nest, and began my first trick as Roof Spotter (acting, auxiliary, unpaid).

I identified St. Paul's from that I worked out the cardinal points. I settled my singularly heavy tin hat on my head and prepared to be blown at any moment 100 feet into the street.

Save for a distant railway light and the green and scarlet crosses on the traffic standards, the darkness was complete. The whirr of a car half a mile away convinced me that a plane was overhead; a distant train announcing its approach to a tunnel assured me that a whistling bomb had fallen just behind my left ear.

By Guy Ramsey

On the far horizon, there was a pale flicker. "A bit cold for summer lightning?" I ventured.

The cool voice of the aerial expert corrected me. "That's gunfire."

"I can't hear anything." "Just wait for a bit." I had forgotten in my excitement the difference between the speeds of light and sound.

Faintly came a pop. Three new ruddy stars flickered for an instant in a patch of sky where no stars had been before, then vanished.

Searchlights sent silver fingers stabbing into the sky, crossing, wheeling, weaving, clicking off like matches blown out, leaving the darkness blacker than before.

A brilliant blaze of light made my head turn as on a swivel: "A big gun?" I said. "Summer lightning," said the expert. I could hear his smile in his voice.

The flashes on the horizon grew in intensity and number. Suddenly the air seemed to fill with sound. The momentary stars grew dazzling; one could not—at least I could not—distinguish between the reports of the guns and the detonations of the shells. I could not identify a flash on land with a star-burst in the sky. Bewildered, I tried to isolate one single flash and listen for its shell to explode. Impossible.

Sharp crackle and dull bang, sudden, high-pitched pop and shattering thunder, the barrage grew and grew; and over this mighty ground-bass, piercing and soaring, came the high, sweet note of a plane.

Like a violin vibrating on the E string amid a madness of percussion, it sang; shrill, clear, obscured by sheer mass of sound to re-emerge with an illusion of continuity. The searchlight shifted and new batteries came banging and blasting into action. New fingers of new hands interlaced in the sky; like spokes of a wheel they focussed and centred and crossed, radiating from a hub; they broke away again. Then—there was silence.

"He's turned away," said the expert. "He's heading north."

Northerly lies Hampstead, where dwells the better part of my life. Without sound the clouds above that suburb seemed to grow suddenly luminous. "More lightning," I said.

"A breadbasket."

"Hampstead?"

"No. A bit West." The expert coughed. "In fact, if he's not got my house now, he'll never get it!"

"Anybody in it?"

"My family."

I felt a little ashamed of my surge of relief.

Minutes passed. From the East came more gun-fire, rolling up in a thick crescendo of detonation. "I'd give the alarm if I were you," said the expert.

"So soon?"

"Oh, yes. When you hear him overhead, you're quite safe. Now's the time to sound it."

My finger jabbed the bell; I could hear it clanging in the shelter below, from where I stood. I knew—for I had lived it down stairs—that men off duty looked up with humorous resignation and said: "The heat's on again, chaps. I'll try misère."

Flashes of yellow and white splattered the sky. The whine of the plane was still audible as the expert said to me: "Give them the 'danger passed'—he's going away."

"How did you know?" I asked in a lull. I could still hear him.

"Well, you follow the searchlights, follow the gun-flashes, follow his note as well as you can, discount the wind, realise that every one of those little squibs that go off in the air makes quite a number of cubic yards of sky uninhabitable—and use your judgment."

"What's that?" I cried, as a red light burned steadily for a moment or two, travelling fast.

"Well, it might be a fighter—one of ours; or it might be Jerry trying to pretend he's one of our fighters. It's not very easy to pretend, you know." The guns leaped into uproar. "Yes: The pretence didn't get him very much, did it?"

Another spotter nudged me. "You ought to have been here when we saw that plane disintegrate in mid-air over Victoria Station a few days ago," he said. "It's dull to-night, very dull."

"Very dull"—and within an hour we had five office warnings of "danger imminent"; I had seen the great guns flashing in seven different spasms of light; I had seen a breadbasket paint the sky with pallor, and seen its reflection dim as the fires it had sought to cause were conquered; I had felt my heart contract (I am sorry, but emotion, real emotion, can be expressed only in clichés) at its flaming fall; I had seen—admittedly at a distance—the spurt of light that means H.E. and heard the dull boom of a bomb (it says boom, not crump) travelling with intolerable slowness from its point of contact into my ears—such slowness that I barely connected the flash with the so, nd.

"Very dull"—the phrase was not spoken with the usual affectation of the Briton in danger, but quite seriously.

What was even more remarkable was that, as I returned to the safety of the shelter, I did not shiver: I was warm.

Germans, save yourselves! Save your souls by ceasing to give allegiance to your task-masters, who are thinking of themselves and not of you at all! I live in the world from which, though you belong to it, you are shut off; I know, and I say to you, Never will that world accept or tolerate the "new order," the sub-human terror! Utopia for the sake of which your leaders are driving you to starve and die. Never will the great Christian peoples of the world suffer if that peace, when it comes—and it is longed for by you, too—shall be celebrated upon the grave of freedom and human dignity. In the next few years you can, if you will, multiply tenfold the sum of human agony which by your credulous submissiveness you have already brought about. But in the fullness of time the measure will be the measure of your own agony. And how, at the end of all the madness, things will be in Germany—of that one cannot bear to think.

"BAN ENVOY'S CODES" DEMAND BY M.P.S

(By A Diplomatic Correspondent)

DIPLOMATS REPRESENTING FOREIGN POWERS IN LONDON ARE DAILY SENDING TELEGRAMS AND CABLES IN CYPHER AND CODE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON THE CONTINENT AND ELSEWHERE.

Many of these diplomats represent nations far from friendly towards Britain; some of the Governments are in close association with the Axis.

But the British Government has no opportunity of censoring these messages, or of acquainting itself with their contents.

Several M.P.s are alarmed at the latitude which the Foreign Office allows to these foreign representatives. Led by Captain Plugge, M.P., they are trying to persuade the Government to withdraw the privilege.

They know Germany is learning far more than is desirable about what is going on in Britain, where our troops are stationed, where armament work is being carried on, where public bodies meet.

As most of the ordinary espionage channels have been effectively blocked, they doubt the Government's wisdom in allowing diplomats to communicate with their own countries in code.

Two Loopholes

This is a possible loophole over which the Foreign Office ought to exercise more control.

Another loophole is through the diplomatic bags which foreign representatives in Britain are allowed to send free of censorship to their own countries at weekly intervals.

KEPT ROYAL LINK SECRET FROM BRIDE

Not until after her wedding did a twenty-year-old laundress, daughter of a builder's labourer, learn that her husband is son of a cousin of the Queen.

The bride, formerly Miss Jean Crawford, of Royal Avenue, Largs, Ayrshire, now wife of Captain Patrick Drummond Scott, aged twenty-seven, told a reporter at a Glasgow hotel:

"I never realised that my husband was related to the Queen—and me a laundress."

"But it won't make any difference now. We are very happy."

It was when Captain Scott was speaking to reporters after his wedding at Largs that he revealed his mother's relationship with the Queen.

He is a son of Mr. Frank Scott, of Speldhurst, Kent. His mother, now the Baroness de Longueuil, was Miss Ernestine Bowes-Lyon before her first marriage.

Back To Army

"My wife is going back to live with her people until I can make further arrangements," said Captain Scott.

"I am now rejoining my regiment the Royal West Kents. I am very happy indeed with Jean."

He got twenty-four hours' leave for his wedding.

The romance began when Miss Crawford met Captain Scott during a Paul Jones dance at the Largs pierhead ball-room.

PALESTINIAN CITRUS CROP

Replying to parliamentary questions relating to the Palestinian citrus crop the Colonial Under-Secretary stated that comprehensive proposals for assisting growers and others engaged in the citrus industry recently had been received and were under consideration.

A Citrus Control Board, upon which both Jew and Arab members are included, had been set up to impose statutory supervision over the whole industry. British Wireless.

"SAWN OFF" GETS D S O

"Sawn Off," as he is known to his fellow airmen — otherwise Pilot-Officer Eric Stanley Lock, No. 41 Squadron — has been awarded the D.S.O.

He has brought down twenty planes.

He is twenty-one years of age and is married to a former Shrewsbury Carnival Queen.

His parents, who live at Bayston Hill, near Shrewsbury, understand that the award is in recognition of his courage and endurance in bringing down his machine safely after a fight although seriously injured in both legs and his arm broken in two places. He is at present in hospital.

Holds D.F.C., With Bar

A souvenir which he carries about with him is a bullet extracted from a previous leg wound. He shot down eleven machines

Bishop Valtorta Safe

Mgr. H. Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong is safe in Hong Kong having returned from Sha-yu-chung yesterday.

Speaking to the "China Mail" this morning, the Bishop said he was in Sha-yu-chung on Tuesday night when a few Japanese entered the village port.

He was informed that the highway between Sha-yu-chung and Tamshui had been occupied and decided to return to Hong Kong as it appeared that the Japanese had come to stay.

A Hong Kong Police launch in Mirs Bay was signalled by the Japanese and went into Sha-yu-chung to bring the Bishop back to Hong Kong.

Arriving at Sha'aukok, the Bishop was met by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke and later returned to the Catholic Rectory in Caine Road.

In ten days, three of them in one afternoon, and he had to bale out three times in as many weeks.

The men at his station have sent him a case of champagne and a congratulatory telegram, to which the wives of fellow officers added the words: "Well done, Lockie."

Lock won the D.F.C. in September, when he had destroyed nine planes within a week.

The next month he was awarded a bar to the D.F.C. for gallantry while on patrol.

CONCENTRATION CAMP IN PYRENEES

THERE IS A SECOND DACHAU — the Nazi concentration camp in Bavaria — in a small village in the Basses Pyrenees, near Pau. The camp is five miles from the demarcation line, and German officers and commissioners of various kinds frequently go over to see that their instructions are carried out.

The camp, which originally accommodated Republican Spaniards seeking refuge in France, was in May the chief concentration camp for German women in France. Now it is the main camp in France of Germans of both sexes.

The inmates are of two kinds: those previously interned in camps like St. Cyprian and St. Germain Les Ballees and those direct from Germany. There are Jews and Liberals, mainly from the Palatinate and Baden.

Herded Like Cattle

Hundreds of French men and women saw trainloads of people from Germany driven out of trucks like cattle at Oloren station. There were old and infirm persons, epileptics, sufferers from other diseases, and a sprinkling of those whom past sufferings had driven mad.

Their departure from Germany was hasty, and there was every sign of disorganisation. A seven-months-old baby arrived without parents, and there were hundreds of cases of wives without husbands and vice versa.

Many did not have an opportunity to take the barest necessities. Transport conditions were such that when the human wreckage was unloaded four were dead. The Germans usually take the precaution of removing bodies before the prisoners arrive in the unoccupied zone. Other prisoners died from pneumonia after their arrival. The Ger-

mans ordered the French not to help the prisoners in any way. If anything is done it is carried out secretly, but the French guards are in terror of the visits of the German commissioners.

There were 13,000 prisoners in the camp on Nov. 9. They are in sections, but there is no contact between them.

In Quarantine

There is typhus in one section, which is in quarantine. The sufferings of people there are terrible. General conditions are bad, and food insufficient.

Restrictions that ensure that these conditions will continue have been imposed. Living conditions are cramped and uncomfortable. There are no seats in the huts, which are infested with vermin. Hygienic conditions are almost non-existent.

Prisoners continue to arrive in large numbers without warning, and the French authorities have no time to prepare anything. Many prisoners die from exposure.

Each sector is surrounded by barbed wire. It is estimated that the camp can accommodate 22,000 people. It sometimes takes even a visiting priest two hours to see a particular inmate.



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AMERICAN LABOUR GROUP TO ASSIST BRITISH

FORMATION OF AN American Labour Committee to Aid British Labour, to function with the cooperation of affiliates of the American Federation of Labour throughout the country, was announced by Matthew Woll, vice president of the A. F. of L. and president of the League for Human Rights, Freedom and Democracy, at a luncheon in honour of Sir Walter Citrine, British labour leader.

Sir Walter, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress and president of the International Federation of Trade Unions, has been addressing labour audiences in many cities under the auspices of the A. F. of L. in behalf of Britain's war effort.

The luncheon was attended by 100 labour leaders of the State and city, who pledged their support to the new committee, which will engage in relief work in behalf of British workers and seek to mobilise moral support for the British cause.

Committee Held Labour's Response

Mr. Woll, who presided, declared that the new committee has been formed as a response of American labour to Sir Walter's mission, signalled by his recent address before the convention of the A. F. of L. at New Orleans. Sir Walter responded by saying that he regarded the formation of the committee as a "noble climax to all the manifestations of friendship" which he already has witnessed in the U.S.

The new committee will form branches in cities and towns throughout the country, which will work in conjunction with labour bodies, international unions and local unions, affiliated with the A. F. of L. and with the 100 affiliates of the League for Human Rights. The committee plans to raise funds, collect clothing, blankets, medical supplies, and other goods to be sent to England through the British Trade Union Congress to be distributed to British workers through the trade unions. Mr. Woll declared the sympathy and support of all organized labour in the U.S.

Sir Walter told the labour audience that his visit to the United States was the representative of British labour in a present crucial struggle against the German Axis. He has been most successful because of the tremendous sympathy and interest of American labour for the democratic cause.

Sure Of British Victory

He said that British labour was giving whole-hearted support to the war because of the fundamental issues involved and assured his hearers that "the British people will let out as long as they have the bodies and minds to hold out." He felt certain that Britain would win the war if the United States continued to help her in increasing measure by furnishing the necessary war implements and supplies. He laid special stress on the need of bombers and ships.

Sir Walter was skeptical concerning latest reports of a possible attempted invasion of England by the Germans, saying that the real danger of invasion existed in June, 1940.

Other speakers at the luncheon included William Collins, representing the New York State Federation of Labour and the Central Trades and Labour Council, and Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee.

BRIDE LOSES TROUSSEAU

On the eve of her wedding day, Miss E. Clark, manageress of the White Lion Hotel, High Street, Edgware, Middlesex, lost her wedding dress and trousseau in a fire which damaged the hotel.

A maid saw smoke coming from the cook's bedroom. Mr. Oakman, barman, and Mr. O. H. Garratt, the licensee, made vain attempts to enter the room.

The majority of the staff lost their belongings.

CHUNGKING ANTI-HOARDING CAMPAIGN

The National Government has promulgated a set of regulations governing the prohibition of hoarding of important daily necessities for profiteering.

Included are rice, wheat, flour, kaoliang, corn, beans, cotton, cotton yarn, cotton piece goods, linen, leather, coal, bricks, charcoal, salt, paper, soap, matches and vegetable seeds.

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Hoarders may be reported to the competent authorities, and reward and rewards will be offered to the informant. Central News.

RESERVE PARCELS FOR PRISONERS

THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF BRITISH FIRMS FAMILIAR WITH PACKING ON A LARGE SCALE HAS BEEN SECURED TO CARRY OUT A SCHEME TO CREATE A RESERVE OF EIGHT WEEKS SUPPLY OF PARCELS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY.

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This reserve will be distributed at various points along the route, such as Lisbon, Marseilles and Geneva, and will be available during any emergency.

These weekly parcels are now taken by sea from Lisbon to Marseilles and five ships are engaged on this service. Negotiations are in progress with the object adding to this number. British Wireless.

ONE SEE LOST 41 CHURCHES

If bombed churches in the Rochester diocese are to be patched up for public worship and their furniture preserved from the weather, at least £5,000 is required, states the diocesan chronicle.

"The melancholy casualty list," it adds, "includes forty-one churches, twenty-one vicarages and thirteen church halls. The Bishop of Rochester, Dr. C. M. Cheyasse, has launched an appeal for funds."

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DIED ON DUTY

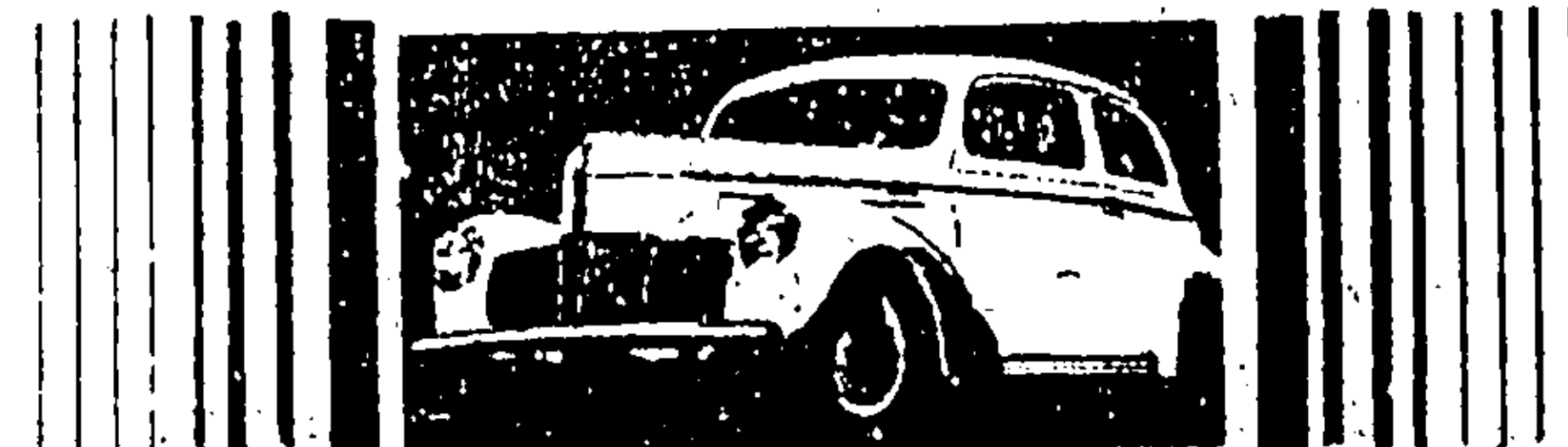
The British Red Cross Society announce that 11 members of detachments—six women and five men—have been killed through enemy action. Another woman member died from wounds.

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North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South should have opened with one no-trump, but after the actual bid of one spade, North found herself unable to show her "maximum pass." The diamonds were too shabby for a jump to three diamonds, the spades were too weak for a jump raise, and the singleton heart steered her away from two no-trump. Two dia-

monds was the best bid she could make at that point.

Now South had to bid two no-trump, a rebid which shows considerable strength and invites a game. And once again North had a problem. If South had a five-card spade suit (a distinct possibility despite his failure to rebid spades), the only game might lie at spades rather than no-trumps; or, perhaps, there might even be a slam in the cards. These avenues would be left unexplored if North just raised to three no-trump, so North bid three spades.

And here South, with amazing inconsistency, passed, fearful that North was trying to "sign off." South forgot that he had invited a game and that North's bid of three spades was a forward-looking bid—hence an acceptance of the game invitation. Had North held a weak hand, she would have raised spades on the first round instead of showing her diamonds, or she could have passed two no-trump instead of bidding three spades. South's inconsistency thus was responsible for missing an easy game.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	(?)

ANSWER: Bid one heart. You have ample strength for an opening bid and have no reason to attempt a shut-out bid of three



Burned fingers certainly are no incentive to make a second try at a thing.

hearts or any other unusual stratagem.

Score 100% for one heart, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 632

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer)

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Keeping Legs Smooth And Lovely

A long time ago when their hose we must keep our legs free of superfluous hair and other blemishes.

There are three ways of doing this: (1) by the use of an emery pad, (2) by applying a cream, liquid or wax depilatory, (3) by using a razor.

Young girls under twenty usually do not have a leg beauty problem, but there are of course exceptions. Some girls have more superfluous hair than others, and if they step out to parties they are sensitive about this condition. They should remove the hair if it shows darkly through their hose for otherwise it makes them self-conscious, which is not good.

About Treatments

There is no truth whatever in the claim that certain depilatories destroy hair growth at the roots after a few applications. Depilatories, like the wax treatment and shaving process, nips off the hair close to the root, and it will eventually grow back. Any product which destroys the hair growth would be harmful to the skin.

Personally I do not favour any one method. The wax method is difficult to do by yourself as the wax must be pulled off in strips after it has hardened slightly. That hurts and it is better for another to pull than yourself.

Cream depilatories are simple to use. They are spread over the hair growth with a wooden spatula, allowed to dry and then washed off with clear warm water followed by splashings of cold water. The newer formulas are perfumed and do not have the terrible odours that the first depilatories had. I do think, after observation, that cream depilatories somewhat discourage hair growth through weakening the strength of the hair, but they do not discourage it altogether.



Leg beauty is made possible by the use of the first electric shaver made exclusively for women. It leaves the skin velvety smooth, free of all superfluous hair.

Shaving the legs is a clean and simple method of beautifying them, but the hair should first be softened by warm water and soap,

just as a man's beard is softened. Only a safety or electric razor should be used and if your skin is tissue-paper-thin, you must be careful not to cut it accidentally.

Many women are favouring a new electric shaver which was especially designed for feminine use. It is a handy little instrument which may be plugged into any current and they claim it nips off the hair in such a fashion that prevents stubbles of new growth from penetrating their hose. You might investigate this shaver if you like cutting the hair instead of using a depilatory.

The remaining method—using an emery board—is particularly satisfactory for young girls, or for those who have only a light blonde growth to contend with. These emery pads slip over your fingers mitten fashion and you rub in circles gently until the hair falls off.

So there is the story—it leaves little excuse for any woman to be embarrassed about her legs. As long as we expose them as we do we will have to groom them carefully!

- 1 medium apple—55 units
- 1 cup of 20% cream—1,250 units
- 1 saucedish spinach — 17,500 units
- 1 saucedish broccoli — 4,900 units
- 1 saucedish carrots — 3,850 units
- 1 sweet potato—3,500 units
- 1 teaspoon fish liver oil—at least 4,250 units.

So you see you should eat 1 egg, 12 dried apricots, and drink two glasses of milk each day in order to get a normal supply of Vitamin A—or a combination of the above foods which will total between 3,000 and 5,000 international units! A child should eat more.

Vitamins Essential To Beauty

Many women would eat the proper vitamins if they knew what a vitamin was, and how they could get it. Much confusion is prevalent about vitamins. Some women even confuse them with calories.

A vitamin is a food factor which is found in minute quantities in many foods and regarded as essential to normal growth.

For instance Vitamin A is found in green leafy vegetables and yellow vegetables (especially in carrots), all dairy products, fish liver oils and in dried apricots and prunes.

When the Vitamin A is extracted from these foods the rest is discarded, so when you take a Vitamin A capsule you are getting only the Vitamin A from great quantities of the foods which contain it. It would be impossible for you to eat that much food, for the bulk would be too much for your stomach. However, if one eats balanced menus daily and includes two or three of the foods in which Vitamin A exists, there should be no need for concentrated capsule doses.

Children And Adults Need Vitamin A

Vitamin A is a great aid to health. It protects eyesight, helps

to prevent what is known as night blindness, it promotes normal growth and helps the body to build a good resistance to infection, such as infection in teeth, sinus, appendix, etc.

Children need over twice as much Vitamin A in their menus as do adults, but adults need a good quantity of it. For instance, an adult requires from 3,000 to 5,000 international units of Vitamin A each day. A child requires from 8,000 to 10,000 international units of Vitamin A daily.

How To Measure Vitamins

To give you a clear idea of how to measure your Vitamin A I list the foods which are the chief sources of this very necessary Vitamin, and give you the number of international units which they contain. This list is quoted through the courtesy of Theodore A. Jost, M.D.

- 1 glass of milk—270 units
- 1 oz. American cheese—525 units
- 1 egg—350 units
- 1 ounce of liver—1,535 units
- 1 tablespoon of butter—230 units
- 12 dried apricots—2,450 units
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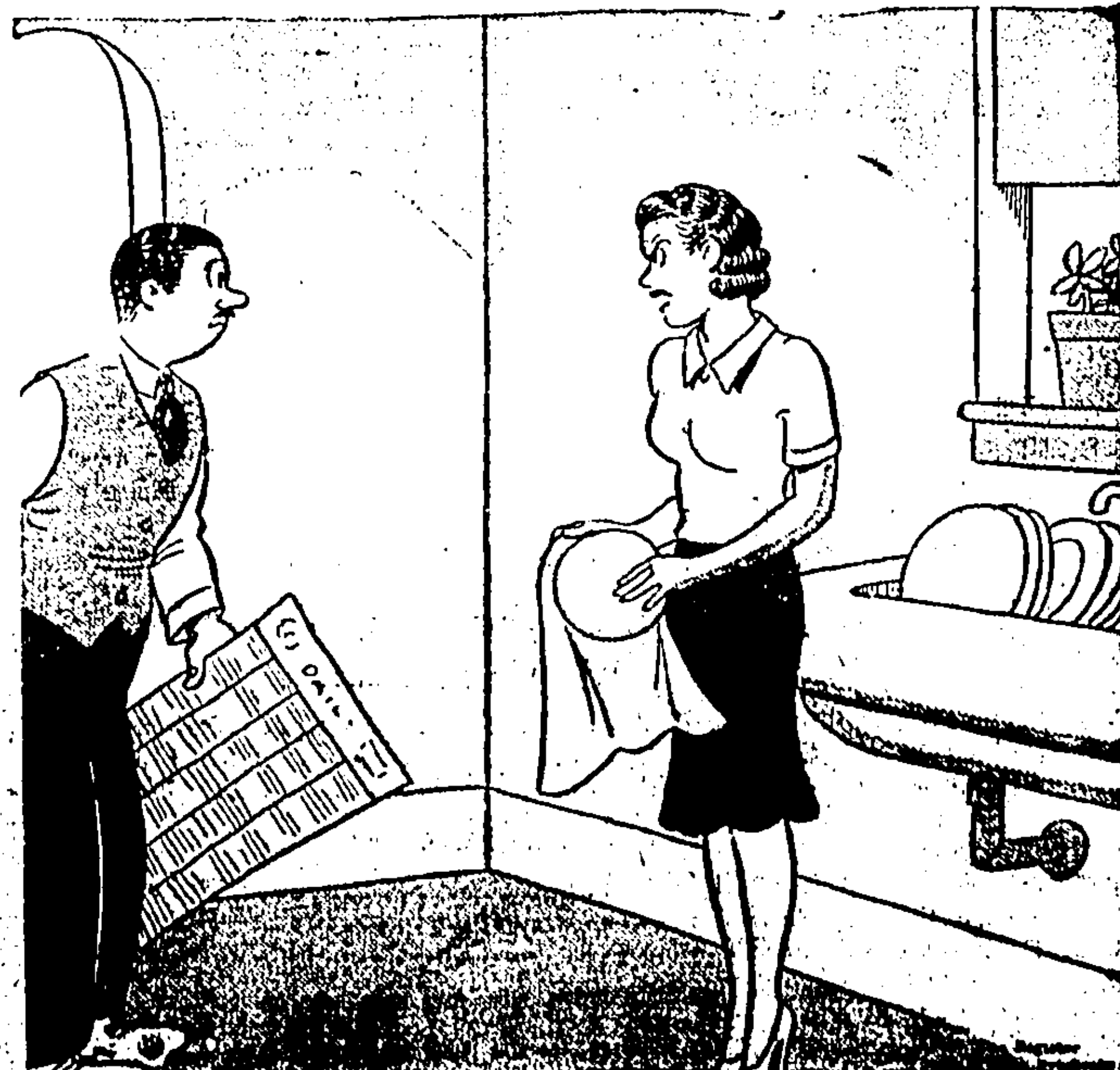
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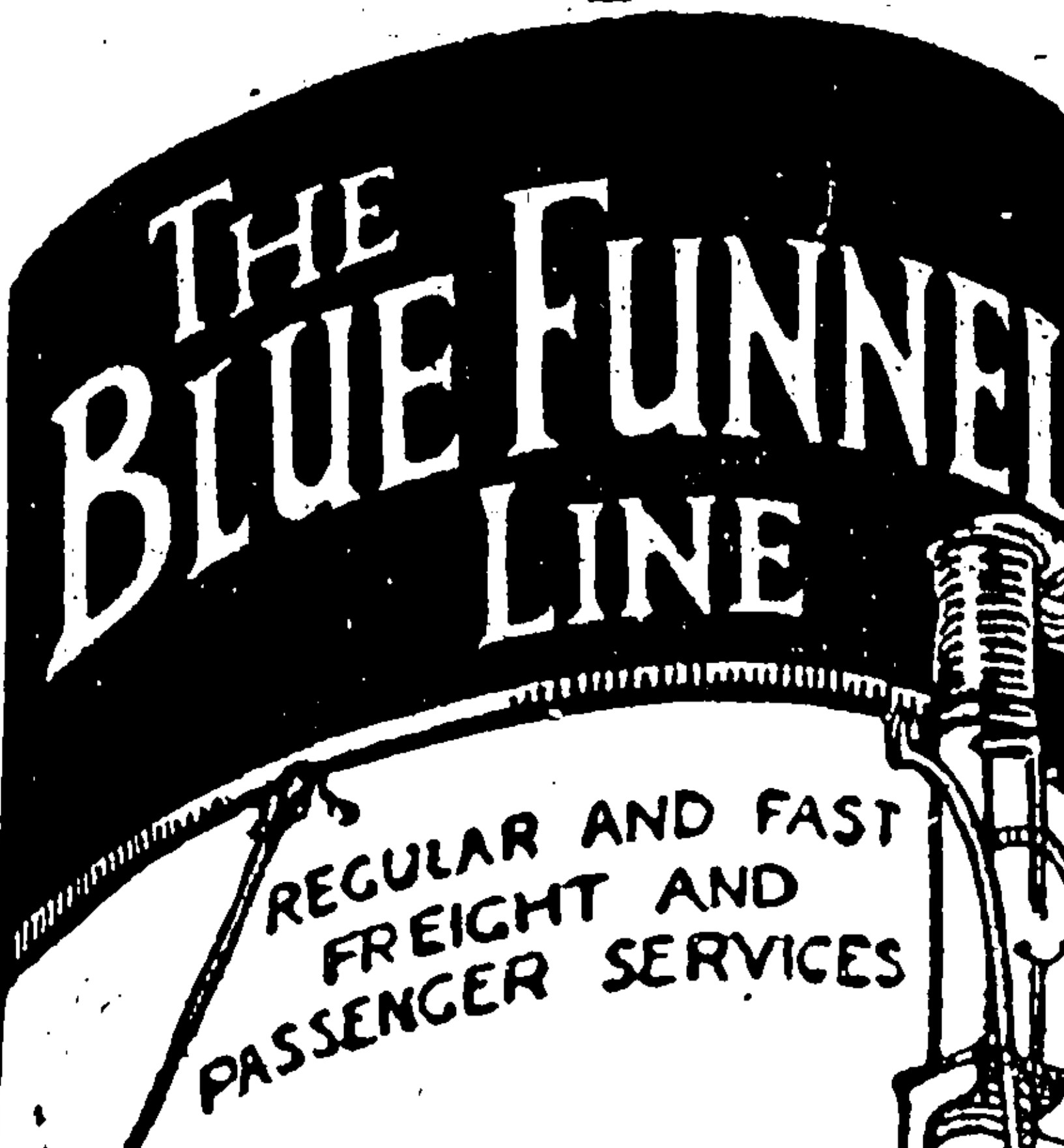


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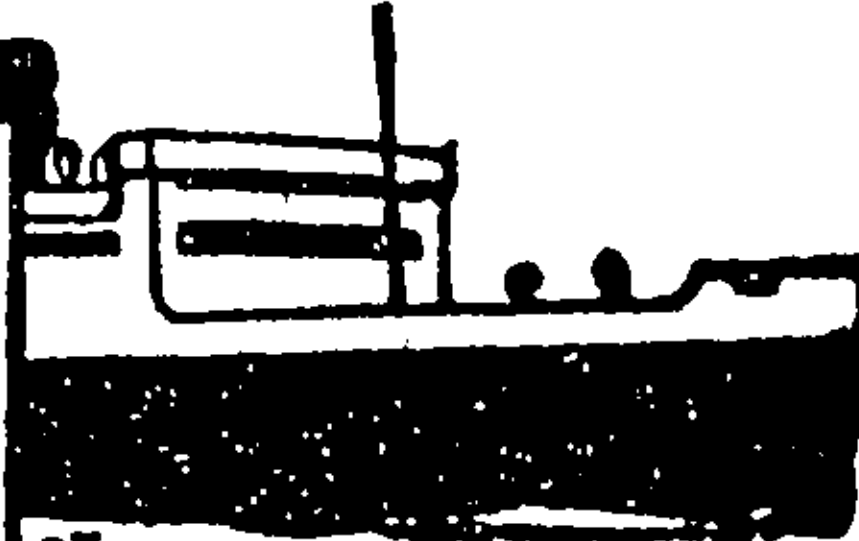
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TAIL-END CHARLIE TAKES TO THE BOATS

(By "AIR GUNNER")

"SOLDIER AND SAILOR TOO," is what they call the Marines, and there are times when Tail-End Charlie with the rest of his bomber's crew have to turn hastily from airmen into real sailors. Since their aircraft cannot be relied on to stay afloat for long the transformation has to be made pretty quickly.

The bomber has dropped its load somewhere not a hundred miles from the Rhine, and is cruising comfortably home. It's a dark autumn night, and, although they have had some trouble with Flak back there, the crew have the easy feeling of tourists half-way from a pleasant charabanc ride.

"What's our E.T.A.?" the captain asks. E.T.A. is short for estimated time of arrival and means a lot to homegoers.

"0440. We ought to pick up the Dutch coast any time now."

"Searchlights on starboard bow!" announces somebody.

"That'll be—," says the captain. "Old Gooney Gubbins caught a packet there only last week. Steer a point or two north."

An eye, malevolent, red, glares suddenly from the ground at the passing plane. Two frigid blue beams, one either side of it, shoot up to fasten on Tail-End Charlie's glass home.

"Searchlights on our tail!" he sings out and feels the "kite" roll and dip as its pilot takes avoiding action.

Gun Rattles

"What height are we?" he asks as the bunch of inquisitive searchlights are increased by five or six more.

"Three thousand," answers the pilot. At once Tail-End Charlie's gun rattles. One of those prying rays dies suddenly and Tail-End Charlie, exultantly pours a burst down the glittering beam of another. He announces some Flak, which flies heavenwards past him. The aircraft is dipping and diving, and his eyes are engrossed on his sight. Suddenly, WHOOF! a heavy shell explodes close. Something goes crash. The great bomber lurches.

"Gee, that was near!" Tail-End Charlie hears the pilot exclaim. Then—"Hullo, our port engine's jiggered!"

Now the rear gunner can feel the aircraft sinking and sinking. He wonders just what has happened.

The port engine has gone out of business, and the petrol is streaming away from a jagged hole in the port tank. The captain is holding his aircraft up as well as he can as he sees the Dutch coast pass below them and knows that some two hundred miles of cold, tossing sea must be crossed before he gets home.

With all the work on one engine he struggles hard to keep the bomber flying a thousand feet up, while his wireless operator sends out constant signals of their position and plight. Meanwhile Tail-End Charlie and the rest of the crew are not idle. Taking turns with an axe they hack off the door of the bomber and through the doorway goes hurtling anything heavy and movable. The expensive bomb-sight goes splashing

machine-guns and shining trunks of linked cartridges. Spare flares, instruments, parachutes, all go sailing into the water. At last everything that can be detached has gone over. The plane is plodding along, just skimming the surface, its petrol almost exhausted. Tail-End Charlie squats perspiring and panting close to a big blue package near the fuselage doorway.

Terrific Jar

Suddenly, "Get ready to take the water!" the captain's voice warns.

His second pilot signals the crew to lie down. They disperse themselves on the floor, prepared for the shock when the bomber comes down in the sea. A terrific jar, which shoots each of them backwards, a splash like the splash of a whale—and the aircraft is floating at rest on the dark heaving water.

Tail-End Charlie has sprung to his feet. Grabbing his odd dumpy bundle, he flings it out through the doorway. At the same time the captain and wireless operator have climbed through the forward sea, followed by five wards escape hatch.

Tail-End Charlie's bundle falls into the water and sinks like a stone, but it is suddenly brought up short by a length of cord which connects it to the rapidly filling aircraft. Then a miracle happens. The bundle unfolds, blossoms like a huge water-lily, and rises to the surface, a round yellow boat. The crew jump aboard. Tail-End Charlie among them, a clasp-knife gripped in his hand to cut loose the painter.

"Get at those marine flares," the captain orders. "Someone ought to be on their way."

Suddenly two more stars appear in the sky—one white and one coloured.

"Hurrah, they've found us! the captain cheers them. "They'll soon have a boat along". So they sit on, occasionally sending up signals whenever the plane's fading engine denotes that its pilot has lost them. Dawn breaks. They begin to feel cold and a tot of rum is passed round. They discern the plane now—a Blenheim circling above them, keeping watch while it signals to shore.

They are too low down on the surface to see the rescuing destroyer until it is almost upon them. She heaves to, and a boat is lowered. The little voyage is ended without further event.

"Refreshments downstairs", suggests a cheerful lieutenant. They answer the call.

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AMERICA'S BIG BOMBERS

Size is a quality inevitably associated with trans-Atlantic productions; and reports of new American bombers, either ordered by Britain or for the United States Air Services, feature their size as an outstanding point.

One type of big American bomber which has caught the imagination is the Boeing B.17, sometimes called the "Flying Fortress." Actually, as big 4-motor aircraft go, it is not unusually large. Its general dimensions and range correspond to those of Britain's 20-ton, 4-engine flying-boat, the Short "Sunderland." Its wing span of 105 feet is 8 feet less than that of the "Sunderland." It is some 18 feet less than the span of the Armstrong-Whitworth "Ensign," Britain's biggest civil air liner, also a 4-motor aircraft.

As first produced some few years ago the original "Flying Fortress" had four 1,000 h.p. Wright "Cyclone" motors, which gave it a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. The effective range claimed was around 3,000 miles—say from London to Tripoli and back—and the service ceiling just under 6 miles. Bomb load is a variable factor dependent, among other things, on the amount of fuel carried. But it is safe to assume that the B.17 could carry 4 to 5 tons of bombs and ammunition on a round trip of 2,000 miles.

A feature of the design, which gave the B.17 the name of "Flying Fortress," is the number of protective gun positions. Four of these were originally located in "blisters" on the outside of the

fuselage, but later examples show gun turrets, similar to the British practice. Even so, the total gun power is not likely to approach that possessed by the latest versions of Britain's famous bombers, such as the turreted Wellington.

An improved "Flying Fortress," produced just before the war, had a cleaned-up external design, and a special super-charging system for giving greater engine power at heights above 200,000 feet. The resulting performance figures were not made known, but it may be assumed that the maximum speed of 250 m.p.h. has been improved upon.

A new bomber now being built by American is in a different category, and, so far as is known, really is the "world's largest."

This is the Douglas B.19, a 60-ton monster with a wing span of 210 feet—three times that of the Handley-Page "Hampden."

Four Wright "Duplex-Cyclone" motors, each of 1,700 h.p. are calculated to give this new Douglas bomber a speed of "over 200 m.p.h." The estimated range is 6,000 miles, roughly the distance from New York to Southampton and back. A "useful load" of 28 tons is quoted, including about 18 tons of bombs. Such a bomb load represents about as much as could be carried, for a much shorter distance, by six entire squadrons of Me. 109 fighter bombers!

The landing gear is of the three-wheel or "tricycle" type, and a feature of the design is the provision of heated and air conditioned cabins and sleeping quarters for the crew of ten. Sound-proofing, a practice usually associated only with modern civil air liner construction, but important from the point of view of flying fatigue, has also been provided in the radio operator's and navigator's compartments.

BOYS INTO AIRMEN

A large number of aircraft apprentices at an old-established R.A.F. School recently became airmen. Owing to the war the "passing out" ceremony was curtailed. Although the show may not be so good as in peace time, the apprentices who are now leaving are every bit as good as those who have gone before.

For many months these boys have been working hard and playing hard to fit themselves mentally and physically for their job. They have learned not merely to use their hands but also their brains. A good deal of time has been spent in the workshops.

At first they were taught how to use tools and materials, and spent hours learning to shape wood and metal to that accuracy demanded by aircraft engineering. As they became more skilled, the tasks allotted to them became more and more difficult, until finally they produced work, the finish and exactness of which bore the stamp of the craftsman.

All this time they were learning the scientific background of their trade. Mathematics and physics occupied much of their time in the "schools," where they were also taught the art of machine drawing. The drawings used in aircraft engineering are complicated, but the ease and accuracy with which the boys "read" even the most intricate of them speaks highly of their industry and training.

Naturally the instruction which the boys get has a bias towards aircraft and engineering, but they are not allowed to become "lopsided" in their outlook on life. Even the requirements of the present time have not been allowed to curtail their general education.

Those in authority regard it as essential that future airmen should be able to appreciate clearly the significance of current events, so that they may have a solid foundation on which to base their judgment of everyday happenings. The apprentices, therefore, learn history and geography, not as facts and dates, but as sequences of cause and effect. Lectures are given by officers well versed in current affairs, so that this knowledge may be up to date.

Libraries are provided for the benefit of those apprentices who wish to study particular subjects. Many do so, for the well-worn conditions of the books tell their own tale.

The life of the apprentice outside working hours is a full one. He is as jealous of the honour of his "wings" as any Public School boy is of that of his "house." He demonstrates this feeling in his keenness for inter-wing football matches, swimming contests, and so on.

Like the Public School boy, too, the apprentice is taught to discipline himself and his comrades. " Sergeants," "Corporals," and "Leading Apprentices" are appointed, responsible for the orderly behaviour and good conduct of their friends. They fill the role of prefect, and are well respected by their fellows.

Although the R.A.F. Apprentices School is young, reckoned by the age of some of our great Public Schools, it has already established its own traditions. The strongest of these is that of unflinching devotion to duty. Many of the predecessors of the boys now passing out have been honoured for their work and gallantry. Some have been granted commissions. The list of those decorated for bravery grows daily. The boys who are now leaving to join squadrons as men are determined never to let their school down.

Pilot v Dinghy

A German pilot, who was taken prisoner in Kent, confessed that before falling into our hands, while "flying at 25,000 feet," he was attacked in the rear by his rubber dinghy which had become accidentally inflated.

In an effort to master the dinghy, he lost control and went into a spiral dive. On pulling out, the engine stalled and he had to make a forced landing.

HOCKEY "EPIC" AT D.G.S.

As part of the "House Warming" celebrations in connection with the completion of the new wing of Diocesan Girls' School, a hockey match will be played on Saturday between the Past and Present students of the school.

Several members of the Past team, who at one time were leading local lights at the game but have not played for some time, have dusted the cobwebs off their sticks and expect to show the Present girls that they have not forgotten all the cunning of their more active, pre-golf days.

The teams have been selected as follows:—

PRESENT—G. Hutchinson; N. Maxwell and B. Wong; Miss Jessie Wong, Miss P. Kotewall and Miss E. M. Gibbins; D. Eleazer, V. Jex, E. Churn, V. Churn and E. Hicks.

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The School extends an invitation to all old girls to attend the hockey match and take part in the other celebrations.

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The following will represent Y.M.C.A. team at hockey against Signals at 5 p.m. to-day at King's Park.—V. M. Benwell; J. Whitburn, H. B. Jordan; H. W. Smith, L. F. Coombes, J. K. Gilchrist; L. W. Macey, R. G. Spenceclay, Hitchcock, W. Ure, and R. Banks.

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CRICKET NOTES

A. H. RUMJAHN & MADAR BAT WELL AGAINST K.C.C.

Another Brilliant Innings By Donald Anderson

McLellan And Perry Bowl Well; Subdue Recreio Batsmen

By "Adrem"

BY WAY OF A CHANGE THE WEATHER ON SATURDAY WAS IDEAL FOR CRICKET ALTHOUGH SOME MAY HAVE FOUND IT A TRIFLE COLD. MOST GROUNDS HAD DRIED OUT WELL FOLLOWING A LONG PERIOD OF DARK AND DISMAL DAYS AND GENERALLY WICKETS WERE GOOD AND OUTFIELDS REASONABLY FAST.

Two senior matches were played, Kowloon Cricket Club having a good win over Indian Recreation Club and Civil Service drawing with Recreio at the Valley.

The fixture between University and Craigen-gower was postponed on the instigation of the former club although their reasons for taking this step appear to be somewhat obscure.

The match at Cox's Road appeared to have been affected by the weather conditions and it was played in a fine spirit throughout. I.R.C. having lost their first match, against University, might reasonably have been expected to take what they could have got in the way of points and have been quite happy with the draw. It is certain they could have forced had they so desired. Instead they chose to go out for a win right from the start.

K.C.C. Win Toss

Fincher won the toss and put his opponents in—the usual K.C.C. League policy—and at the outset A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. H. Esmail took few chances. Broadbridge dropped both of them in the slips off Lee early on but as soon as they could see the ball both men went for any runs that were going.

Rumjahn impressed considerably. For a man of his age his eyesight is remarkably keen although his wrists seem to have lost some of their erstwhile power. But give him any type of ball which should be scored off, not to mention quite a few to which defensive shots might be played and he will take a quiet two or single.

He proved himself a rare judge of a short run and his uncanny ability to place his shots enabled him to be off down the wicket almost before he had completed his stroke.

At no stage, after that chance given in the slips, did he look like getting out and it came as a big surprise and disappointment when Madar hit one wide of the bowler, Lloyd, and called a run which Rumjahn evidently took to be an easy one for he only ambled down the wicket to be run out by a mile.

Esmail showed a lot of enterprise after being tied in knots by Lee and made some nice strokes to the covers and he was unfortunate to be out to a brilliant left-handed catch in the slips by Francis Zimmermann.

Madar told me he was not feeling well but his indisposition was certainly not reflected in his batting which was confident and attractive throughout. The bowling was fairly steady and he was not always able to get the ball through the field but he did pretty well and was only out when he failed to get hold of a ball from Lee which Hung held nicely at mid-on, wide and deep.

Brilliant Catch

Minu was brilliantly held on the boundary by E. F. Fincher when he hit a full-toss from Lloyd high and hard. Fincher ran in to the ball and appeared to have misjudged it but at the last moment he shot up his right hand for the ball to stick.

It was very impressive with the batting of young K. M. Rumjahn, who went in rather late. He has a useful defence and with hard, Nazarin might be advised

to give him a chance earlier in the batting order as he is also a brilliant field and worth nursing.

K.C.C. altered their usual batting order slightly in order to give R. T. Broadbridge a chance of going in first and redeeming himself for his dropped catches and thus restoring much-needed confidence. He started off well enough and looked as if he would settle down but he was unfortunate to be caught when only 11.

Hung batted rather more aggressively than usual but his penchant for hitting across the line of the ball when driving proved his downfall. He was badly dropped at cover by Kitchell off a "dolly" but was held by Rumjahn a short while later.

Mackay, who succeeded, hooked Minu hard off the first ball he received only to have the four brilliantly stopped by K. M. Rumjahn, who was performing great things in the region of square-leg, and two balls later straight-drove a half-volley from Minu which the bowler held about six inches off the ground.

Not So Good For K.C.C.

The situation was not now so rosy for K.C.C. as three wickets were down for 42 but Francis Lay settled down quickly and played Minu very well. His cover-driving was magnificent and, being less impetuous than usual, he played a really valuable innings of 34 which placed K.C.C. well on the way to victory.

Meanwhile Anderson had been scoring freely all round the wicket although he was rather restrained when up against Minu and when he was joined by Teddy Fincher it was apparent that K.C.C. would win easily which they eventually did with 10 minutes to spare.

Minu was fighting the ball very well and spinning fiercely and his display on Saturday was easily his best of the season; the other I.R.C. bowlers were very mediocre.

First Point For C.S.C.C.

On a wicket which gave the bowlers no assistance whatever, Civil Service secured their first point, at the expense of Club de Recreio.

Civil Service batted first and lost Attwell off the second ball of the innings to a catch behind the wicket. Richardson and Perry settled down and added 44 runs but not before Perry had been badly dropped by Soares at mid-off. Neither batsmen took chances and they were content to go along quietly.

In the absence of Ozorio, L. G. Gosano opened the Recreio bowling with his brother Eddie but it was soon obvious that it was not his day. I am told that he bowled absolute tripe, while Eddie, on the dead-wicket, was not as impressive as usual. Griffiths, who succeeded Perry, did not stay very long, Silva securing his wicket via the l.b.w. route but there Recreio's successes ended for a long time. Colledge batted confidently although his

RETURN MATCH BETWEEN K.C.C. AND H.K.C.C.

The return two-day match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong Cricket Club has been fixed for Saturday, March 22, starting at 2 p.m., and Sunday, March 23, starting at 11 a.m.

bad knee still seemed to be troubling him, while Fortescue, although some of his scoring shots were lucky, batted better than he has done for a long time. Later Wright hit breezily and scored 16 useful runs in two overs.

Recreio Bat

The innings closed at about 4.25 and with only two bowlers on whom to call after Perry and McLellan, it did not look too good for Civil Service. Baker had strained himself rather in the two-day match between Club and K.C.C. and, in going for a short run while batting he had pulled a muscle so badly that he was unable to field.

Soares, however, normally the most enterprising of batsmen chose Saturday to decide to play canny and his respectful treatment of Perry and McLellan had the effect of bowling these bowlers in and thereafter they were right on top. Had they been colared Recreio would probably have won but they never lost their length and attacking them usually led to disaster.

Eddie Gosano tried to hit and was out, while Prata lost his wicket in going out to one of McLellan's shorter balls and although G. N. Gosano and M. A. Remedios appeared to be in no difficulty with the bowling they could not score nearly quickly enough.

Recreio were at no time in danger of losing but after letting their early scoring opportunities pass them by it must also be said that they did not look like winning. Providing neither they nor K.C.C. drop any points in their remaining matches they must now beat K.C.C. outright in order to win the championship.

MISS RICHARDS' SUCCESS

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 6.6 miles resulted:

Yacht	Fin.	Cor.
Yacht iv.	4.18.33	4.18.33
Gull	4.18.33	4.18.33
(Miss Richards)	4.18.47	4.18.37
Isobel	4.30.21	4.20.21
(R. L. Berridge)	4.21.33	4.21.33
True Blue	4.21.33	4.22.27
(F. C. Manning)	4.21.39	4.22.27
Arlis	4.21.39	4.22.27
(W. R. Browne)	4.21.39	4.22.27
Widgeon	4.21.39	4.22.27
(J. E. Dobbs)	4.21.39	4.22.27

SECOND DIVISION

THRILLING MATCH AT THE VALLEY

By "Adrem"

ONE OF THE FINEST MATCHES the League is likely to produce this season was played at the Valley on Saturday between Craigen-gower Cricket Club and Civil Service Cricket Club in Junior Division.

From being in the very comfortable position of only having to score a further seven runs with four wickets in hand, Craigen-gower suffered some anxious moments before the necessary runs were scored and when their last man came in the scores were tied.

At this stage Hamson played a ball in the direction of point, who jumped for a possible chance and just fell short. C.C.C. then went on to clinch the match.

Civil Service, having first lease of a true, fast wicket, lost two wickets for 16 but Ainslie was then joined by Barrow and the score taken to 72 before Barrow was bowled by Way.

The advent of the latter turned the tide in favour of Craigen-gower. Once the partnership was broken there was no stopping A. M. Omar and he finished off with a spell of 4 for 19 and Civil Service were all out for 97.

Way bowled better than he has done for a long time. He kept a very fine length and was turning the ball a lot.

Omar's Bowling

Omar bowled well enough but he was rather lucky to have taken so many wickets—the C.S.C.C. batsmen appeared to be playing him on his reputation. U. M. Omar, on the other hand, has bowled consistently well this season but has had no luck.

Ainslie played a very fine innings for Civil Service. At the moment he does not possess a great many scoring shots but he plays a very straight bat and off-drives very nicely.

Hung and Broadbridge gave Craigen-gower a good start, the former batting aggressively as is his wont and the latter waiting for the loose ones. Runs came freely, particularly when U. M. Omar was batting. The last-named hit furiously and in one over—from Ainslie I think—scored almost 20.

The unfortunate accident to Broadbridge started the C.C.C. rot which has already been described. Broadbridge attempted to hook a fastish ball after he had been batting for a long time, and was hit full on the mouth. He was forced to leave the field and was taken to Tung Wah Hospital with badly cut lips and sans a couple of teeth.

Near the end, when Craigen-gower were in such sorry straits it was hoped that he would get back in time to bat if necessary. Actually he did not return to the ground until 6 o'clock, ten minutes after the match had finished, so he would not have been much use if Craigen-gower had not managed by that time to win.

Smith took 5 for 26 but I am told that he was very erratic and that these figures rather flatter him.

Abbas Beats Varsity

Thanks to the fine all-round form of M. R. Abbas, I.R.C. 2nd XI had an easy win over University. Abbas scored 69 of the Indians' total of 170 for 7 dec., and then proceeded to take 6 for 34. Young Arculli also bowled well for the winners but there was little else in the match of particular note.

K.C.C. did little to distinguish themselves in their match with Police although they won by 70 runs. Against a team who were without their regular opening bowlers K.C.C. scored only 134, of which Baxter made a typical 57, Rapley 24 and Curtis 25 not out. Cause of the damage was Danbrowsky, who got among the wickets and took 6 for 16.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUTTING FREEDOM

By BEST BALL

In putting, the object is to knock the ball into the hole and so long as one can do this, it would seem to matter little what form he used. For methods, stances, even strokes in putting differ widely. Each golfer adapts a stance, which he feels gives him the greatest measure of comfort and balance compatible with accuracy.

Johnny Revolta and Bobby Jones above use different stances, different strokes yet their position over the ball is entirely without strain. Jones' stroke consisted of long, smooth backstroke which floated gracefully onto the ball and followed through prominently in the same velvet like fashion. Revolta's backswing is restricted but his follow through long. To the spectator, the backswing seems a jerk, ending abruptly in a shove through the ball. The formula works for Revolta, its very backswing brevity, apparently reducing the chances for errors. To reduce strain, plant the feet comfortably and bend the knees. A feeling of freedom here will allow a freer stroke.

Next Article.—Digging In.

M'SEX BEAT Y.M.C.A.

Middlesex, without Berry, trounced a European Y.M.C.A. team 8-2 in a water-polo encounter at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday. Y.M.C.A. failed to appear with a full side and the team was made up to strength by S. H. Wong, a spectator. Y.M.C.A. were without Railton for the first four minutes and during this period Middlesex scored four goals, Bindon being in great form with long range shots which Wong, of Lai Tsun fame, was unable to reach.

BADMINTON

ANOTHER
WIN FOR
K.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club registered yet another success in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, this time at the expense of Police, and are now in a strong position for the Sectional championship.

In the other two matches played St. Andrew's easily beat Kowloon Tong, for whom Peter Fletcher made his first appearance of the season to help Richard Lee to win two games, and King's College scored another two points, their victims being Victoria Recreation Club.

Following are detailed results: At home St. Andrew's beat Kowloon Tong by 7 games to 2.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's), beat R. M. Laval and S. T. Chung 21 11.
beat P. Lo and M. S. Lee 21 6.
beat R. E. Lee and P. Fletcher 21 16.
W. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's), beat Laval and Chung 21 8.
beat Lo and Lee 21 12.
lost to Lee and Fletcher 12 21.
M. Davies and B. Gotespe (St. Andrew's), beat Laval and Chung 21 12.
beat Lo and Lee 21 14.
lost to Lee and Fletcher 13 21.

Police v K.C.C.

At Headquarters, Police lost to Kowloon C.C. by 1 game to 8.

W. Gibbs and L. Gordon (Police), lost to P. Winter Blyth and A. J. Fisher 12 21.
beat J. L. Anderson and Jones 21 9.
lost to A. Ziemann and D. H. Hazell 12 21.
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Sun (Police), lost to Winter Blyth and Fisher 12 21.
lost to Anderson and Jones 10 21.
lost to Ziemann and Hazell 6 21.
J. Ferrier and S. Hogarth (Police), lost to Winter Blyth and Fisher 12 21.
lost to Anderson and Jones 3 21.
lost to Ziemann and Hazell 4 21.
The match between Recreation and Chung Wah was postponed and will be played on Friday.

King's v V.R.C.

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 games to 2.

S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (King's), beat D. M. Xavier and S. A. Ramjahn 21 15.
beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21 9.
beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios 21 1.
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's), beat Xavier and Ramjahn 21 13.
lost to Basto and Soares 15 21.
beat Castro and Remedios 21 13.
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's), lost to Xavier and Ramjahn 19 24.
beat Basto and Soares 21 10.
beat Castro and Remedios 21 10.

LEAGUE TABLE

	SECTION "A"					
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts
King's	4	0	4	28	8	8
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recreation	3	1	2	17	10	4
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	26	2
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0

	SECTION "B"					
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts
K.C.C.	5	0	5	31	14	10
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	20	25	4
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21	4
Police	5	5	0	8	34	0

BADMINTON
TOURNEY

HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INVITE ENTRIES FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WILL BE HELD SHORTLY.

The events are Men's Singles, senior and junior, Men's Doubles, senior and junior, Mixed Doubles and Ladies' Doubles.

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Entrance Fees are as follows: Men's Singles, Senior and Junior, Two Dollars per player. Men's Doubles, Senior and Junior, Four Dollars per pair. Mixed Doubles, Four Dollars per pair. Ladies' Doubles, Four Dollars per pair.

Entries must be received by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Talan, American Lloyd Travel Service, Shell House, not later than Saturday, February 15.

Ordnance Corps Give
Service Corps A Fright

By "Referee"

SERVICE CORPS were fully extended in their Second Division football game at Sookunpoo yesterday by Ordnance and it was only in the closing stages of the game that they gained an ascendancy over their opponents.

Ordnance were without several of their regular players and on the whole did well as they seemed to be able to suit themselves better to the slippery state of the ground.

Reynolds again played a good game for Ordnance in goal while both the backs, Adams and Russell, showed up well particularly in the second half.

In the intermediate line, Stephens, in the pivotal position, was a hard worker and his tackling spoiled many a promising move of

his feet and passes often went astray.

Service Corps' forwards were not as dangerous as usual and only Glen, on the right wing, was up to usual form. In the second half this player was prominent with his runs down the wing and scored two goals in addition to having a hand in another.

Clarke and Young did some good work in the centre but their passes were often intercepted while Martin only came into his own in the second half.

Smart, at right half, was the pick of the intermediate line while Young's heading enabled him to clear often.

The Scoring

Ordnance took the lead in the first half through Hewitson but

Morgan placed Service Corps on level terms soon after.

In the second half Stephens gave his side the lead with a well-placed free kick and a few minutes later Ordnance should have increased the lead but Pennington, when well placed, shot weakly and Mattison cleared.

Service Corps equalised through Martin from a centre from Young and shortly after missed a penalty.

Play was still very even and Glen placed his side in the lead for the first time with a good shot and before time the same player added another.

SERVICE CORPS—Mattison, Murray and Bradshaw; Smart, Young and Hammond; Glen, Clarke, Morgan, Weir and Martin.

ORDNANCE—Reynolds, Adams and Russell; Nicholls, Stephens and Standring; Lines, Roberts, Hewitson, Duffield and Pennington.

MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE FLEET PUTS OUT TO SEA

Admiral (Come-Out-And-Fight) Cunningham Offers Challenge To Luftwaffe

NO TAKERS IN FIRST FOUR DAYS OF SWEEP

CABINET CHANGES LIKELY

The question of a successor to Lord Lloyd, Secretary of the Colonies, is complicated by the fact that Lord Lloyd was also Leader of the House of Lords.

Only other Secretary of State in the Lords is Viscount Cranborne, and he is a newcomer.

In some quarters the suggestion is made that Lord Harlech, who is now one of the Civil Defence Commissioners, be recalled to take over both positions, while others suggest that the Duke of Devonshire is in the running.

Constitutionally there must be two Secretaries of State in the Lords, so the present vacancy

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, On Board a British Battleship)

UNDETERRED BY THE new threat from the skies Britain's powerful eastern Mediterranean battle fleet has once again put to sea.

Taking up the gauntlet flung down by the Luftwaffe on the decks of the aircraft-carrier Illustrious in the epic seven-hour duel last month, the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, issued a stirring signal to all ships that "Italian or German, these pests must be shot out of the sky."

The German and Italian air challenge has failed to hinder fleet activities.

Certain units have fulfilled a highly important mission in the central Mediterranean, and light forces along the Libyan coast have maintained uninterrupted operations.

Far from shrinking before the aerial threat, the fleet is carrying the war into the enemy's camp, ready to make or seek an engagement.

Not Accepted

In the fourth day of the present voyage the British challenge has not been accepted.

The fleet has completed covering operations uneventfully and

has exercised well within range of enemy aircraft without producing a reply from the enemy. — Reuter

GREEKS MAINTAINING PRESSURE

The Greeks are maintaining pressure all along the Albanian front. Many prisoners have been captured and great quantities of war material have fallen in Greek hands.

After fierce attacks, the Greeks captured another important height on the Klisoura front. — Reuter.

MOUNTING THE HIGH HORSE

A threatening tone was used by the Spanish newspaper "Arriba" yesterday in an article attacking the British blockade and those who "within and without are trying to paralyse Spain."

After stating that thus far Spaniards have been able to rest from their recent battle and forgive the enemies who put obstacles in the way of their progress, the newspaper adds: "But henceforth we must be united and vigilant round our flag."

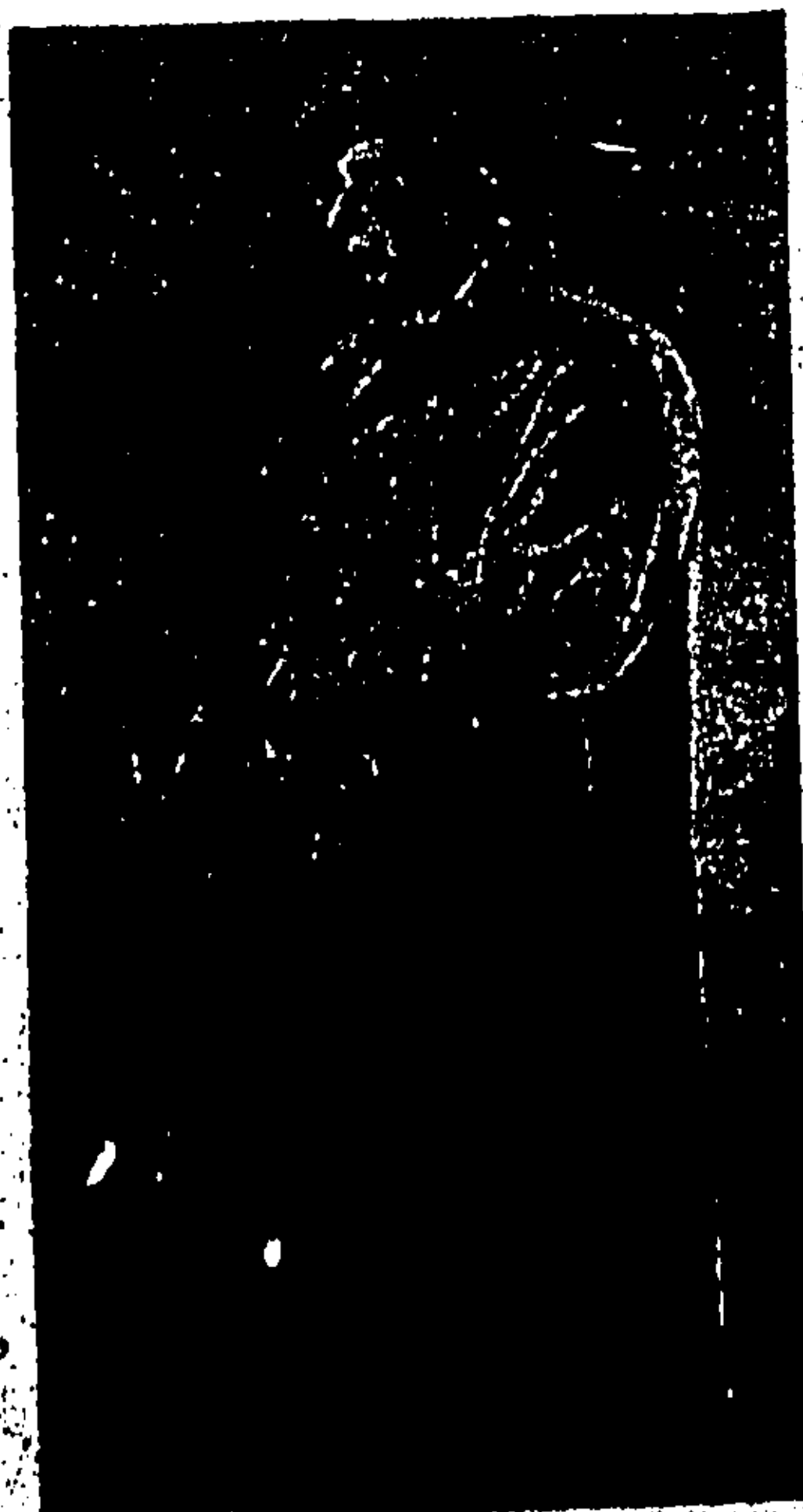
"The moment has come when action must succeed words and a wrathful offensive replace a prudent defence. If we, with our present circumstances at home and elsewhere are to improve and Spain is to be something more than a desert in which the last hungry groups of an old race of soldiers are encamped."

The article follows a number of allusions in the press and speeches during recent days to the blockade as one of the causes of Spain's food shortage. — Reuter.

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CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Possibility Of French Re-Entry Into War

BRITISH FORCES SWEEP THROUGH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Italian troops last night were retreating on five fronts in Libya and East Africa with such precipitate haste that not even rear guard actions were being fought to retard the British.

Despatches from the Libyan front indicated that the Fascists have no intention of making a stand anywhere east of Benghazi. In Eritrea, British and Indian forces are on the outskirts of Karen, only 50 miles from Asmara, the capital.

Similar swift thrusts were reported in Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland. International News Service.

Laval's Intrigue And Italy's Plight

ITALIAN ARTILLERY TURNED ROUND AGAINST THEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was revealed in Athens yesterday that in the coastal and central areas of the Albanian front recently captured Italian artillery was brought into use and turned on the Fascist positions. — International News Service

THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "SVENSKA," IN A SPECIAL ARTICLE YESTERDAY, SAID THAT THE EUROPEAN SITUATION COULD BE CHARACTERISED AS THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM.

Not long ago, says the correspondent, a European-African Power, under Axis leadership, was the main theme of the Axis press and the situation in Africa appeared favourable to Germany and Italy.

In every respect there have been big changes.

There is now no talk of Spain joining the Axis, the British have the initiative in Abyssinia, the South Africans are marching up from the South and the British are pouring into Eritrea.

A change of fortune in East Africa in favour of the Italians is still possible owing to the size of the Italian forces, but the correspondent questions whether the Italians are qualitatively good enough.

Still more real is the reversal of the situation in North Africa where the Italian threat in Egypt has been repelled by the possibility of British forces occupying the whole of Cyrenaica.

Cautious Britain

Cautious British commentaries state that General Wavell's troops now face a difficult country between Derna and Benghazi. But

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HINT OF NAZI STRATEGY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

United States Government reports have disclosed that Germany is using the resources and labour of conquered nations to turn out more submarines, ships and modern fighting planes instead of munitions for an attempt to invade Britain.

Officials in Washington said yesterday that the shift in production indicates that the Reich has a heavy munitions supply but lacks sufficient first-line aeroplanes, meaning planes up to date in every respect.

More submarines are expected to be constructed in an attempt to cut off Britain's lifeline — her Merchant Navy. — International News Service.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down in combat. — Reuter.

Five Fighters Missing

During the sweep over Northern France (says British Wireless) the aerodrome at St. Omer was successfully attacked.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down in combat, while five of our fighters are missing.

100 LATEST TYPE PLANES FOR CHINA

THE REVELATION that China is to have 100 new American fighter planes, with the consent of Britain, was made by Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, to-day.

GERMAN 'PLANE CRASHES IN COUNTY CORK

A German aircraft crashed yesterday morning in County Cork, it was officially announced in Dublin.

Five of the crew of six were killed, the sixth being badly injured. The plane was completely wrecked.

The plane seen was coming in over the bay with smoke pouring from it, crashed and burst into flames. — Reuter.

Colonel Knox stated that the Navy had offered to give Greece free 30 Grumman fighters, but the Greek Minister had refused the offer, stating it was necessary that Greece have new type machines.

Colonel Knox then further revealed that arrangements had been made for China to obtain 100 American-built warplanes, ordered in the United States by Britain.

The Chinese Government had asked for 500. Under the arrangements finally reached, Britain has agreed to accept deferred delivery of 100 machines. — Reuter.

BATISTA IN FULL CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") All indications are that President Batista is now once more in full control of affairs in Cuba.

This is apparent after his lifting of the ban on Cuba's constitutional guarantees, originally scheduled to last 15 days. — International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST: — N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine to cloudy.

Bishop Valtorta Safe

Mgr. H. Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong is safe in Hong Kong having returned from Sha-yu-chung yesterday.

Speaking to the "China Mail" this morning, the Bishop said he was in Sha-yu-chung on Tuesday night when a few Japanese entered the village port.

He was informed that the highway between Sha-yu-chung and Tamshui had been occupied and decided to return to Hong Kong as it appeared that the Japanese had come to stay.

A Hong Kong Police launch in Mira Bay was signalled by the Japanese and went into Sha-yu-chung to bring the Bishop back to Hong Kong. Arriving at Shataukok, the Bishop was met by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke and later returned to the Catholic Rectory in Caine Road.



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JAPANESE ATTACKING WAICHOW

Thousands More Troops Landed At Bias Bay

Battle Reported In Progress North Of Tamshui

ITALIAN PRISONERS RECAPTURED

Both the Italian prisoners who escaped from an internment camp near Calcutta on Tuesday have been recaptured.—Reuter.

2,000 Britons In Paris

About 2,000 British subjects are still living at liberty in Paris.

This was revealed by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a Commons question yesterday.

They are able to obtain from the U.S. Embassy sufficient cash up to £10 per month to enable them to obtain "modest board and lodging," Mr. Butler added.

After mentioning International Red Cross arrangements whereby 20-word messages may be sent by a person in the U.K. to relatives in occupied France, Mr. Butler said that although the matter was being kept very much in mind there were grave difficulties in the way of any arrangement for an exchange of German women in British hands for British women in German hands. British Wireless.

BIGGER & BETTER BOMBS

R.A.F. aircraft dropped some of the heaviest type high explosive bombs, together with a large number of incendiaries, when Dusseldorf was raided on Tuesday night.

Part of widespread activities covering a large area both on the coast and inland, this industrial town was attacked for four hours and a half.

The sky was overclouded during the earlier part of the raid and some aircraft were forced to seek alternative targets.

One of these bombers attacked a nearby aerodrome from 1,000 feet, dropping bombs amongst buildings and spraying the whole area with machine-gun fire.

As this aircraft was leaving the pilot saw a military lorry approaching along the road, and swooping down to about 100 feet, the British crew attacked it with the forward machine-guns.—British Wireless.

LAND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHIUKWAN, THE KWANGTUNG WARTIME CAPITAL, HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SEVERED WITH THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF TAMSHUI AND SHA-YU-CHUNG.

Several Japanese transports arrived in Bias Bay yesterday and thousands of additional troops were landed and sent up into the interior. Heavy artillery were also landed.

The Japanese are reported to be converging on Waichow which, last night, was still in the hands of the Chinese, who have been reinforced by troops sent from the Shiukwan area.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese advance is at present halted midway between Waichow and Tamshui and a pitched battle was in progress last night.

The invading troops from Shumchun passed through Ping Wu and Lung Long and reached Tamshui yesterday afternoon, after which they struck out northwards in the direction of Waichow.

Waichow Bombed

Waichow was bombed by Japanese aircraft yesterday but details are lacking.

Some 6,000 Japanese troops have been concentrated at Sheklung, on the East River, and part of this force is reported to have left the town in the direction of Waichow proceeding along the East River, supported by aircraft. Waichow is apparently being attacked from three directions.

No Border Influx

There has been no influx of refugees from Chinese territory at the border but all precautions to deal with such a situation have been taken by the authorities.

Police patrols have been increased and the immigration staff has also been reinforced.

Refugees willing to enter refugee camps will be allowed to do so while others will be treated as ordinary immigrants without immigration papers.

BIRTHDAY OF AN "EMPEROR"

TOWNS IN MANCHUKUO WILL BE BEFLAGGED TO-DAY ON THE OCCASION OF THE EMPEROR'S THIRTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY. WHILE GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL CELEBRATE ALL DAY.

The holiday will be observed by several appropriate ceremonies. In the morning, the Emperor will personally worship at the State Foundation Shrine in the Imperial Palace.—Reuter.

SIR RODERICK JONES RETIRES

After being the head of Reuter's for the last quarter of a century and having completed 40 years of service with the company, Sir Roderick Jones, who succeeded Baron de Reuter in 1915, has resigned his position as Chairman and Managing Director. It was announced in London yesterday, says a Reuter despatch.

STIMSON CORRECTS CRITICS

In giving evidence before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations the U.S. Secretary for War, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, made some interesting remarks about the policy of the British Government regarding Manchukuo.

In reply to questions, he said his book on the subject had been far too widely and sweepingly interpreted as a condemnation of the British Government, who made a long and to some extent effective effort resulting in a juridical condemnation of Japan by the League of Nations.

Mr. Stimson went into this point now only because Great Britain had so many times been mistakenly criticised, with his apparent authority, by people who had not read his book.—Reuter.

WILLKIE PLANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ARRIVED IN LISBON LAST NIGHT BY AIR FROM ENGLAND ONLY A FEW MINUTES AHEAD OF A BIG GERMAN JUNKERS TRANSPORT, EN ROUTE BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

"I got the information I went after," he said on arrival, "but I do not wish to announce my conclusions until I get home."

Mr. Willkie was to leave in the Pan-American Clipper at midnight.—International News Service.

CINEMA VAN FOR A.A. GUNNERS

The Generosity of the people of Fort Jameson, Northern Rhodesia, has provided a most welcome gift of a cinema van for the use of A.A. gunners in the U.K. The van, which will take amusement into many lonely gun emplacements, was handed over by the Colonial Under-Secretary to Sir Frederick Pile, who commands the A.A. Command.—British Wireless.



The Southern Railway Company have made arrangements to have an emergency despatch rider service to their information kiosks should telephones be out of order. Photo shows a railway despatch rider giving a message to the "Information Man." (Copyright, Fox).

DIMINUTION OF ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN

DIMINUTION OF THE anti-British campaign in North China is indicated in latest reports, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply to a question by Major-General Sir Alfred Knox (Cons.) in the Commons yesterday regarding the activities of subordinate Japanese officials.

Mr. Butler said, however, that there was a certain amount of press agitation.

Major-General Knox asked how much in arrears are payments of interest to British bond-holders secured on the Chinese Customs, the position in relation to the Chinese Government, and whether the Inspector-General of Customs can allocate from Customs revenue without interference by the Japanese in occupied areas.

Mr. Butler, in a written reply, said that apart from amounts allocated for the upkeep of the Customs establishment, Customs revenue collected in occupied areas is paid into Japanese-controlled banks, and none of it is remitted to the Inspector-General for other purposes.

Consequently the Chinese Government decided, from January 15, 1939, to suspend the service of loans secured on the Customs. British bond-holders had not received interest since.—Reuter.

CARGO SHIP BILL PASSES

The House of Representatives in Washington yesterday accepted the Senate's amendments to the Bill for construction of a fleet of 200 cargo ships and the Bill was forwarded to the White House for signature.

President Roosevelt recently asked Congress for an appropriation of \$18,000,000 to cover the cost of building these vessels.—Reuter.

BRITISH HOLDINGS CANARD

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY HAS NOTIFIED THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT THREE LARGE BRITISH-OWNED INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS—LEVER BROTHERS, THE AMERICAN VISCOSER CORPORATION AND THE DUNLOP TYRE COMPANY—AS WELL AS SMALLER PRIVATE HOLDING COMPANIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ASSETS WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GAVE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SHOW THAT IT WOULD SOON RUN OUT OF ITS DOLLAR EXCHANGE FOR BUYING OF WAR SUPPLIES.

This information was made public in a letter to Senator Byrne which refuted the statement made on Tuesday by General Robert Wood, Chairman of the Board of Sears Roebuck and Company.

General Wood had said that he did not believe that British interests in such large companies as those mentioned, and in cotton plantations and other holdings, were listed.—Reuter.

Italians Discover New Turn Of Speed In Retreat

Beetling For Benghazi At Thirty Miles Per Day

NATIVE TROOPS CAPTURE ITALIAN POST

Strong native African fighting patrols successfully attacked and captured Beles Gugani, a defended Italian post inside the Italian Somaliland border, according to last night's Nairobi communique.

The communique adds that pursuit of the enemy is being carried out.—Reuter.

Sabotage By The Czechs

Large-scale sabotage of food supplies for Germany has been reported to Berlin by German agricultural agents in Prague, according to news reaching London yesterday.

A message says that last year 250,000 pigs, calves and cattle were secretly slaughtered and at least 300,000 tons of meat prevented from reaching Germany.

Thirteen thousand wagonloads of grain were also successfully hidden.

No food census or house inspections have been ordered as the Germans fear this would cause more supplies to be destroyed in panic.

New punishments have been devised to prevent such sabotage, the least being a fine of 10,000 crowns with six months imprisonment.—Reuter.

LEAGUE DEPARTMENTS FUNCTIONING

THE WORK OF THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL SECTIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, TEMPORARILY DOMICILED IN CANADA, IS CARRYING ON AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON NORMAL LINES.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, told the Commons at question time yesterday that it was the British Government's desire to make the best practical use of these organisations.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with British Headquarters in the Middle East)

THE SPEED OF THE ITALIAN WITHDRAWAL IN LIBYA, ERITREA AND ABYSSINIA HAS SHOWN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE LAST 36 HOURS.

The retreat towards Benghazi is proceeding at the rate of 20 to 30 miles a day.

Concentrated bombing by the R.A.F. is causing heavy casualties.

With the troops are hundreds of Italian settlers who arrived in this region with their families only three years ago.

British troops, following close behind along two parallel roads running west from Cyrene to Benghazi, are meeting with little opposition.

The country behind the British and Benghazi is completely lacking in fortified positions.

Next Objective

Barce, which is the eastern terminus of the Benghazi railway, is presumably the next British objective.

Though Appollonia, near Cyrene, has not been mentioned in British communications it can be assumed that it has been abandoned by the Italians.

A Rout!

In Eritrea the Italian withdrawal towards the south-east from Barentu has degenerated into a rout.

The fleeing Italians are abandoning supplies of all sorts in their haste to reach the main Asmara-Addis Ababa road.

In Abyssinia the British pursuit of the Italian column retreating towards Gondar, north of Lake Tana, is stated to be continuing in spite of the enemy's delaying tactics.—Reuter.

1,500 More Prisoners In Eritrea

FIFTEEN HUNDRED PRISONERS, MOST OF THEM WHITE, HITHERTO HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE BRITISH FORCES PURSUING THE ITALIANS RETREATING TOWARDS THE RED SEA ALONG ERITREA'S ONLY RAILWAY.

Much material has been abandoned by the enemy.

The mechanised Sudan Defence Force is carrying out the pursuit, which began with the capture of Barentu last week-end.

Road Mined

In the Umm-Hagar area, near the Abyssinian frontier, large quantities of mechanised transport, some of which is in good condition, are falling into British hands.

Contact is being maintained with a patriot army in the Walkait region in north-west Abyssinia.

The enemy have laid minefields along the 80-mile road leading to Gondar from the Sudan but British mobile units continue to make satisfactory progress.—Reuter.

Stragglers Captured

Urged on by British and Imperial troops the Italians in Libya are increasing the speed of their withdrawal towards Benghazi, and hitherto 400 stragglers have been captured.

This was revealed in yesterday's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo. The communique also announced that in Eritrea British operations about Keren are developing successfully.

Meanwhile the Italian forces retreating eastwards from Barentu and Biacundi are being heavily pressed, leaving all routes littered with gear, war material and vehicles.

Hundreds Of Prisoners

In addition to those already recorded, many hundreds of prisoners have been captured.

In Abyssinia the British advance eastwards on the Gondar road is also progressing, while in the southern area South African troops are consolidating enemy positions recently captured.

British patrols in Italian Somaliland continue to be active in all sectors. One patrol on Tuesday attacked and captured an enemy post 45 miles inside the Italian frontier.—Reuter.

WIFE OF OFFICER IN SLUM

The young wife of a junior Army officer was compelled to move out of her home and go into the slums with her baby and do charring, because she received such a small allowance.

Her case is to be taken up by Mr. E. W. Salt M.P. for Yardley, Birmingham.

He is to ask the Minister for War, whether he is aware of the hardships endured by wives of junior Army officers under thirty, who receive 21s. a week allowance against 42s. allowance for husbands over thirty.

In a letter to Mr. Salt, the wife wrote:—

"My husband joined up to do his bit for his country, but I have had to suffer for it. I have already had to give up my home and get a job although I am in poor health and have a five-month-old baby."

Mr. Salt told a reporter: "In this case the husband is a smart man for twenty-six. He had a good job as a Civil Servant and he and his wife lived in a nice house in a residential part of Birmingham."

"I know that his wife has been compelled to move into the slums and do all kinds of work, including charring, to keep herself and her baby. It is a disgrace that because a woman marries an officer under thirty she should receive only half the allowance."

"It is an old-fashioned Army order originally made to discourage young officers in the Army from marrying."



THE PREMIER INSPECTS THE COAST DEFENCES.—Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, accompanied by the First Sea Lord (Sir Dudley Pound) and General Brooke, made an inspection recently of the first line defences on the coast. Photo shows Mr. Churchill leading the way up the plank to inspect some of the defences. (Copyright, Fox).

CAPT. ABEL BEST'S DEATH: CHINA SEA MEMORIES

CAPTAIN ABEL MARDLAN BEST, whose death at the age of 82 was announced yesterday, went to sea for over 60 years, half his service being off the China Coast.

Interviewed recently he described Chinese pirates and dope smugglers as "a picnic compared with the bulls and bears of Wall Street."

After retirement he speculated on the New York Stock Market and lost his life savings, but was not down-hearted and lived at the Royal Alfred Home for aged merchant seamen at Belvedere, Kent.

Born in India he came to England at the age of two. Sent to sea in the tough old days of 1870 he spent 30 years in the Chinese Customs and skippered cargo-boats running from Swatow to Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok.

He retired at 73 and went to England in 1932 "after finding my share of dividends wouldn't buy me a cup of tea daily."

He had strong views on the international situation. "If I had my way I'd treat some of those continental fellows like we used to treat Chinese dope smugglers—hang 'em," he said.—Reuter.

HEROIN PILLS FOUND IN A RAID

For possession of 38,800 heroin pills at No. 481, Shanghai Street, first floor, on January 28, Ip Shui, 46, and Tang Kwong, 26, were committed for trial by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

The pills were found by a party of Revenue Officers during a raid on the premises.

TAIKOKTSUI ROBBERY

Pleading guilty to stealing a jacket from a bamboo-ware shop at Taikoktsui, Woo Loi, 23, was bound over and ordered to be expelled by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Sergeant Gordon stated that on January 31 a report was made to the police that \$2,200, jewellery valued at \$6, and the jacket had been stolen from the shop.

Later the police recovered all the property, except the jacket.

Two days later, when accused was arrested, a pawn ticket relating to the jacket, was found on him. He admitted he had stolen the jacket from the shop.

The police, said the Sergeant, were unable to produce evidence of the money and jewellery against accused.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



LITTLE NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

Although there was some enemy air activity off the east coast and south-east coast yesterday very few enemy aircraft flew inland, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a point in north-east Scotland and at a place in Kent but these did no damage and caused no casualties.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber in the morning. — Reuter.

BIG RADIO STATION FOR DELHI

An order has been placed in England for a 100-kilowatt transmitter for an All-India Radio.

The transmitter, one of the most powerful in the world, will be installed at Delhi. Preliminary work, such as choice of site and so forth, is progressing.

It is expected that the new station will be audible all over the world. It will be used for broadcasts to Europe, Africa and the Far and Middle East. — Reuter.

WILLKIE IN LISBON

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ARRIVED IN LISBON BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM ENGLAND ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Douglas airliner which brought him landed at the Cintra aerodrome behind a stationary Junkers machine with the Swastika painted on it.

The Douglas liner taxied past the German machine and stopped in front. — Reuter.

CUT IN TIN PLATE PRODUCTION

The Supply Minister, Sir Andrew Duncan, announced in the Commons yesterday that in order to meet demands for other forms of steel, the production of tin plate would be progressively reduced to some 25 per cent below the level at which industry was recently operating. — Reuter.

ONE MILLION SIGNATURES SOUGHT

A movement to secure one million signatures of Japanese who support Wang Ching-wei is now under way, with a total of 100,000 signatures having already been collected, says the Shanghai Japanese press quoted by Reuter.

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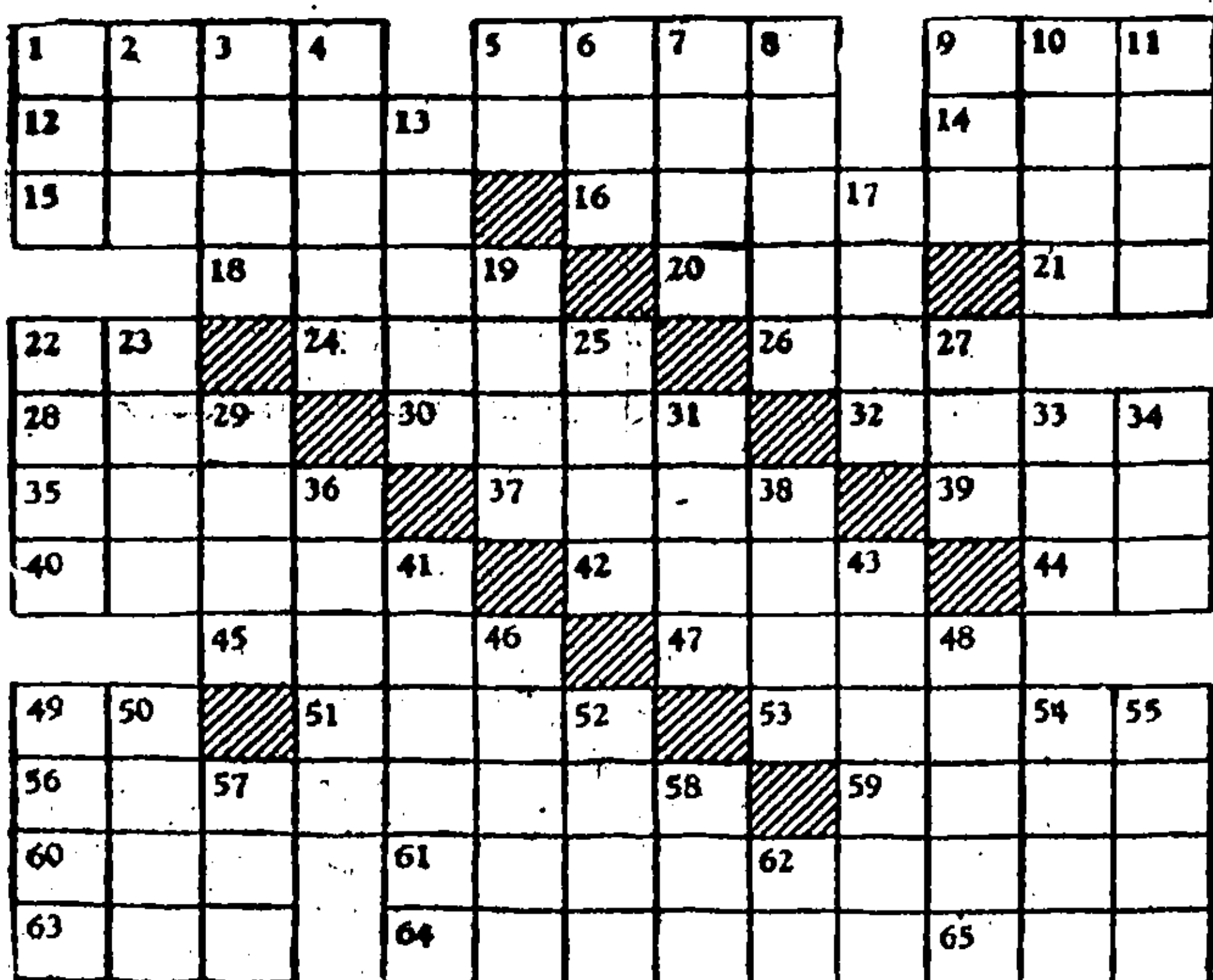
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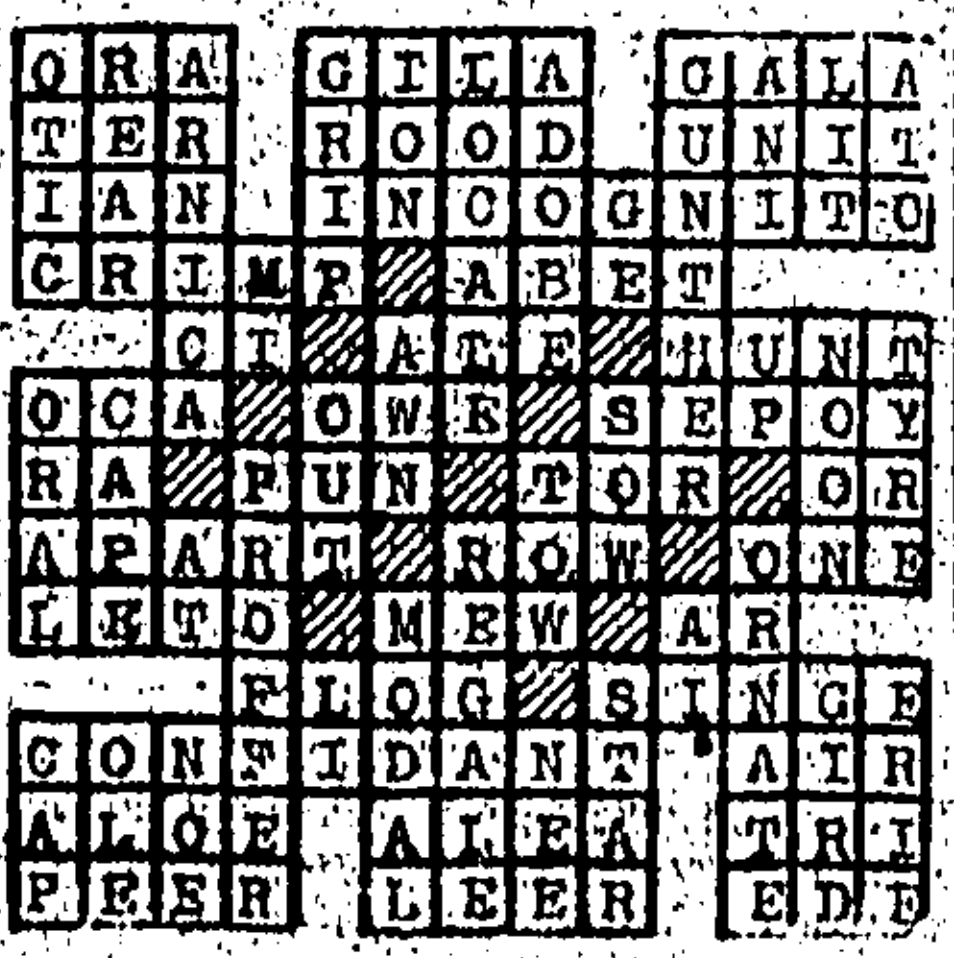
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- 1 Christmas carol
- 5 Entry
- 9 Pike-like fish
- 12 Brutish
- 14 Devoured
- 15 Plumie
- 16 Feral
- 18 Icelandic literary collection
- 20 Roman broth
- 21 Symbol for iron
- 22 Spanish article
- 24 Hindu deity
- 26 Land measure
- 28 Rodent
- 30 Colloquial to annoy
- 32 Platted collar
- 35 To eat according to regimen
- 37 Missile weapon
- 39 By birth
- 40 Harsh
- 42 Asiatic kingdom
- 44 Pronoun
- 45 Grape refuse
- 47 To break
- 49 Note of scale
- 51 Soft part of fruit
- 53 Large
- 55 French gentleman

VERTICAL

- 1 To bite
- 2 Unit
- 3 Serf
- 4 Loans
- 5 Exists
- 6 Greek letter
- 7 Sicilian volcano
- 8 Rhythm
- 9 Herd of whales
- 10 Egyptian crown
- 11 To interpret
- 13 Lowest point
- 17 Ancient lyre
- 19 Eager
- 22 Wagnerian character
- 23 Non-professional
- 25 Cry of sorrow
- 27 Colour
- 29 To abound
- 31 Goddess of discord
- 33 A small number
- 34 Charge
- 36 Sparks
- 38 Flavour
- 41 Contusion
- 43 French Revolutionary leader
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- 57 Biblical name
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



FEWER CORSETS FOR THE WOMEN OF BRITAIN

MR. OLIVER LYTTTELTON, President of the Board of Trade, has made a new order cutting down supplies of goods classed as luxuries, which will call for more sacrifices from women and children than from men.

For women there will be only half the supplies of corsets stocked in retail shops a year ago, a third of the gloves, a quarter of the household goods made of lace, and a quarter of the fur-lined clothes.

Women are also primarily interested in these cuts:

A quarter of the mattresses containing metal springs.

Two-thirds of the down quilts and sleeping bags.

A third of the carpets and rugs containing wool.

Half the pottery.

A quarter of the fancy goods, household goods and toilet requisites, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' ware, and perfumery and toilet preparations.

Men are favoured. Shaving creams, for instance, are exempt from the restrictions, and most of the reductions in which they are interested are not personal necessities.

Trunks And Bags

For example, office furniture is reduced to one-quarter of last year's supply, and trunks and bags to one-third.

Cameras and photographic papers, musical instruments and sports goods, and machinery are all reduced to one-quarter of last year's supply.

The new limitations will operate for six months.

Mr. Lyttelton, announcing his new order, said: "This war is going to be more uncomfortable for all of us than it has been up to now."

"I think it is well that the public should realise that."

He explained that these cuts were being made not because there was a shortage of goods, but so that raw materials, plant capacity and workers should be released to make munitions and provide equipment for the Forces.

Control By Prices

The reductions will be based on prices. If £1,000,000 worth of cameras were sold in the half-year from December 1, 1939, in the six months beginning next December £250,000 worth only will be retained.

But instead of selling, say, 125,000 cameras at £2 each, retailers may sell 250,000 at \$1 each.

"I feel sure," said Mr. Lyttelton, "that the people of this country will be glad to dispense with many of their luxuries, if, by doing so, they can feel they are adding to our production of aeroplanes, tanks and equipment."

"I do not intend to disguise, but rather throw into relief, the fact that consumers are being asked to do without luxuries, and, indeed, to do without some things which our high standard of life has led us to regard as nearly necessities."

TWINS ARE BLACK AND WHITE!

Mrs. Herbert Strong, a negress, of Hokerton, North Carolina, has given birth to twins, one of which is white and the other black.

The twins, a white son and a black daughter, were born last September, but they have been concealed indoors until now because their Negro father, simple, coal-black Herbert Strong, feared that the "world would talk."

But now the secret is out, the parents are being besieged for film and vaudeville offers amounting to many thousands of dollars.

The father told a New York correspondent: "We are tickled to death at having twins, but, gosh, how folk will gossip when they hear one is white."

Scientists believe that either Mrs. Strong or her husband had had a white ancestor.

WILLKIE MESSAGE FOR GERMANS

Before leaving England to return to America, Mr. Wendell Willkie gave the following message for transmission to the German people:

"I am of purely German descent. My family name is not Willkie but Willicke."

"My grandparents left Germany 90 years ago because they were protestants against autocracy and demanded the right to live as free men. I too claim that right."

"I am proud of my German blood. But I hate aggression and tyranny."

"Tell the German people my convictions are shared to the full by an overwhelming majority of my fellow-countrymen of German descent. They too believe in freedom and human rights."

"Tell the German people we German-Americans reject and hate the aggression and lust for power of the present German Government." — British Wireless

MONEY IN YOUR OLD SHIRT—

If It's White

The loss of French trade with Britain in discarded shirts has caused a minor revolution in the Bank of England. For these provided the material from which our crisp fivers were made.

Discarded shirts provided the finest linen rags, and are thus ideal for making banknote paper—but they must be white. When, therefore, Englishmen took to wearing striped and coloured shirts, the Bank had to rely on imports of rags from France, where white has always been the fashionable colour.

Special Pass

For 200 years these notes have been made at a paper mill in the tiny Hampshire village of Laverstoke, where the water in the River Test is exactly right for supplying the watermark. The mill has its own police, and even Cabinet Ministers have to show a special pass before being allowed to enter.

The drop in the supply of old shirts will not necessarily mean a reduction in the number of banknotes issued; but they will have to be used more economically than at present. As things are, notes of £5 and upwards are never re-issued once they are returned to the Bank. Now they will be re-issued time and time again until they are too dirty for use.

GREEKS MAINTAINING PRESSURE

The Greeks are maintaining pressure all along the Albanian front. Many prisoners have been captured and great quantities of war material have fallen in Greek hands.

After fierce attacks, the Greeks captured another important height on the Klisoura front.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S 6 MONTHS' SENTENCE

A 35-year-old woman, Li Pik-wan, of No. 9, Chung Shing Street, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for ill-treatment of an 11-year-old girl.

According to Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of mui-tsai, the girl was the registered ward of accused.

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, the girl's grandmother met her in the Central district, and saw bruise marks on her face. She took the girl to No. 7, Police Station, where she was examined by Inspector Winslead, and later sent to the Queen Mary Hospital where she has since been detained.

It was alleged that the girl was beaten because she forgot to close a window. The defendant's son caught a cold, and the girl was blamed.

Dr. G. V. A. Griffiths, who examined the girl at Queen Mary Hospital, testified that cane marks, abrasions and pinch marks covered the girl's face, neck, chest, thighs and buttocks.

Defendant pleaded guilty and expressed regret for what she had done.

PARTY OF ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS

Two well-dressed women and two young girls appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning charged with theft.

Accused were alleged to have stolen a metal necklace, a metal bangle, and a pair of stockings from a shop at No. 178, Nathan Road; and a pair of gloves and a pair of stockings from a shop at No. 224, Nathan Road.

One of the women was additionally charged with unlawful possession of three raincoats, a pair of shorts and a pair of stockings.

At the request of Det.-Sgt. Estall, accused were remanded for two days.

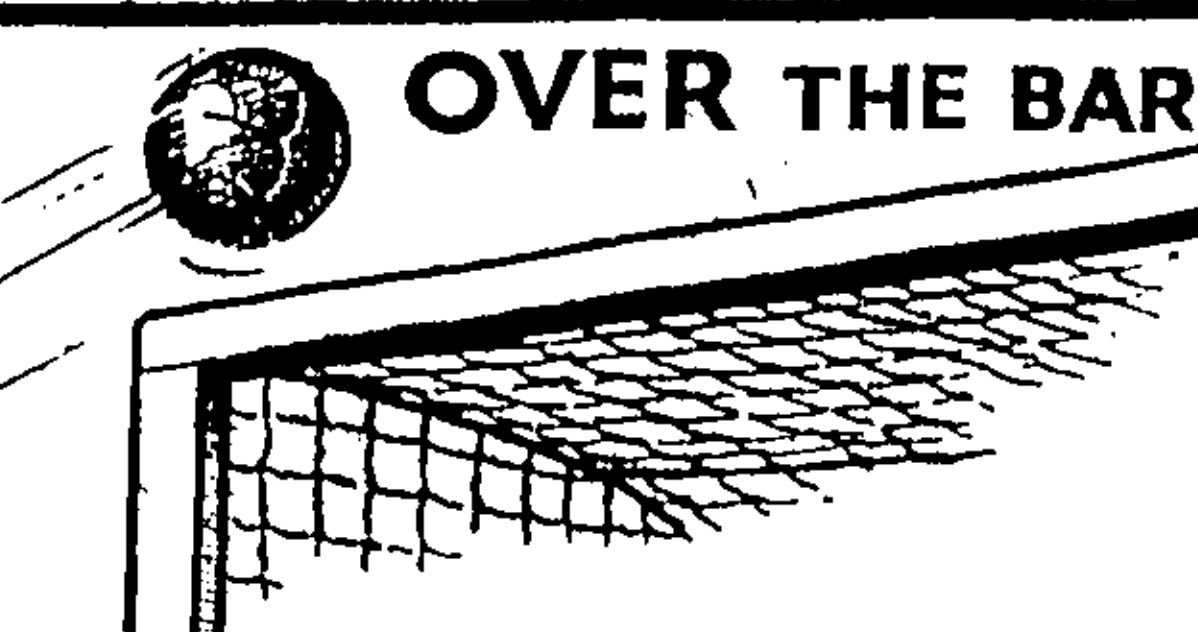
DANES KEPT SILENT

A German soldier on getting into a tram in Copenhagen made an inquiry of the conductor in German. The conductor did not reply.

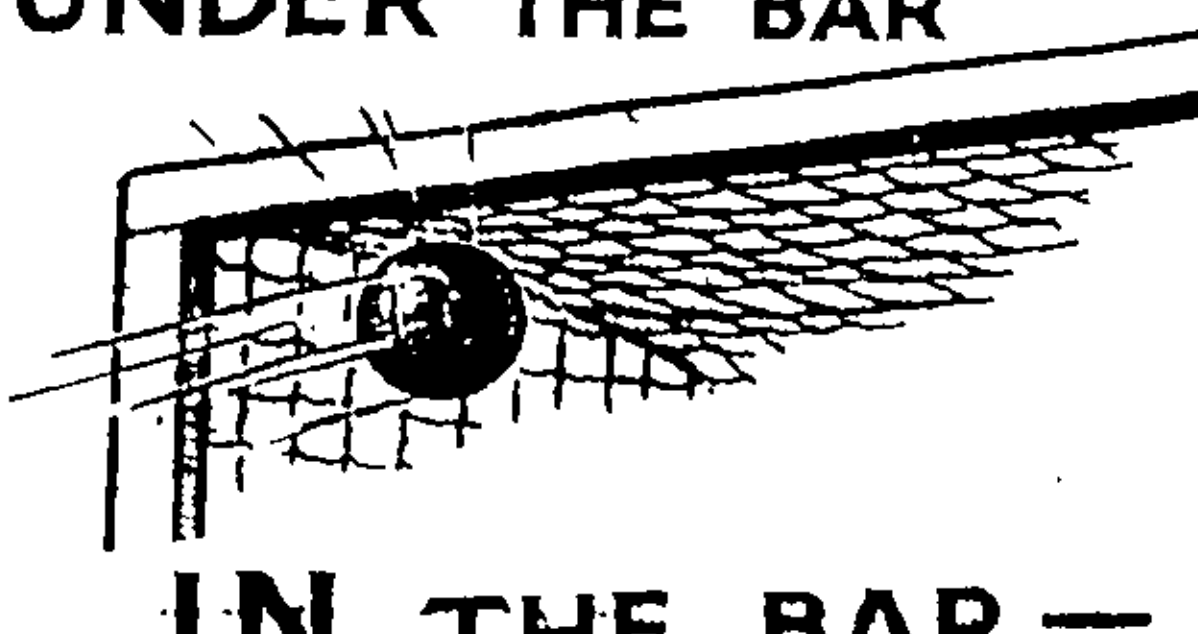
The soldier then turned to the passengers, who numbered 20, and asked if anyone spoke German. There was still no reply. The German then left the tram, shouting angrily: "Some of you know German but will not speak to me."

A business man who tells the story, quoted by Reuter, was one of the passengers. He speaks German well. So did at least four of the other passengers.

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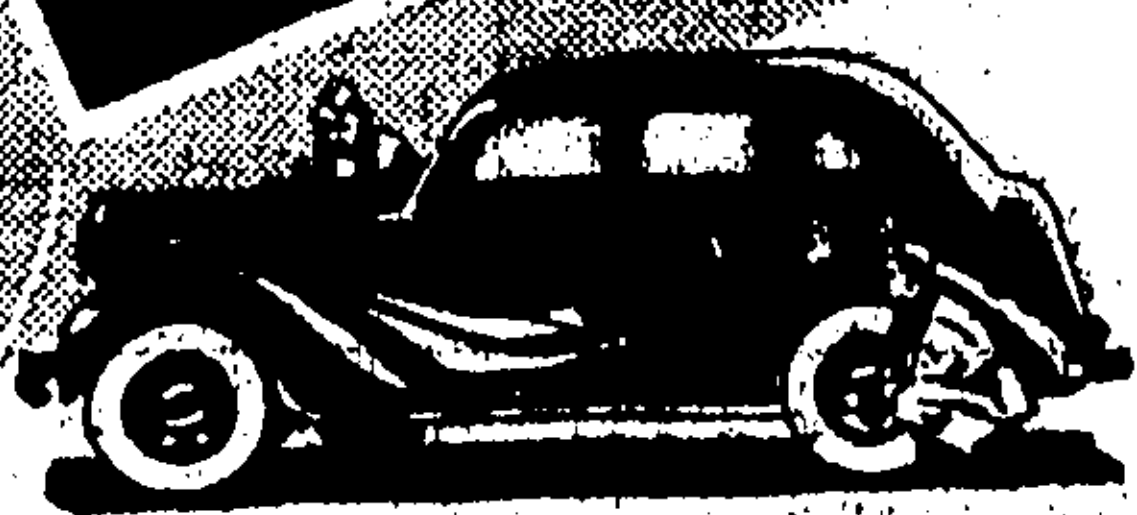
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ITALY'S DESTINY

The situation in the Mediterranean becomes every day increasingly interesting, more especially since Hitler has not, beyond vague threats against Britain, given any indication as to his next move in the Mediterranean area. It is more than possible that the Italian debacle has greatly upset his calculations and that he is hesitating as to the new line he should adopt. When the attempted invasion of Greece was first undertaken it seemed to create confusion of thought as to the reason, but with the passing of time it is becoming increasingly clear that Italy's ill-starred adventure had been hatched by the two major conspirators at Brenner Pass. It was to have been the first step in Hitler's drive towards Syria.

Mussolini has always been obsessed with the idea of gaining control of Greece and the strategic island of Crete — both would be of inestimable value in the Eastern Mediterranean push and this ambition coinciding with Hitler's own particular plans, the momentous step was taken. The world has been watching the result. The Grecian campaign was conceivably not well mounted but few thought that the small Grecian Army, however brave and determined, would be able to dominate the field to the extent it has. Mussolini had not anticipated any great resistance and he has thereby fallen into the trap which greed sometimes spreads before the feet of the would-be victor. He underestimated the strength of the enemy, with the result that Italy is engaged in a major conflict on two fronts and is facing serious disturbances at home.

The immediate question and one that has been agitating the world during the past few weeks is how far Germany intends to help her ally. Mussolini is well aware that he will be supported only in so far as assistance dovetails in with Hitler's revised plans. No other consideration will influence him and as Hitler has always tried to avoid a war on two fronts, it is considered probable that German troops will not take part in the actual fighting. Bomber and fighter participation however, is not strictly allied to troop

Thomas Mann's Xmas Appeal To Germans

German People: The Christmas feast comes round once more, a feast beloved, a feast of love, to you the dearest feast of all, full of light and fragrance and sweet childhood dreams. Indeed, it might be called the most German of all feasts; certainly no people celebrates it with such fervour as you. That may be because its profounder, religious, cosmic meaning symbolises the beginnings, and mirrors the development of your civilisation as a people. In the primitive, pagan time it was the feast of the winter solstice, the rebirth of light out of wintry darkness, the breaking of a new world-dawn. Next the new light became a Babe in the cradle, became the manger at Bethlehem; the feast became the birthday of the Saviour and Son of Man, whose great, gentle heart gave to the world a new feeling for humanity, a new morality who called His Father in heaven the Father of all men.

The history of this feast is your history. There was no real true Germany until the light in the East shone also upon you; until Christian humanity penetrated the primitive, pagan, Germanic world and brought your moral and religious sense, your perceptions of the universe, into contact with Occidental Christian civilisation. To that civilisation you belong; you celebrate your membership when you set up the cradle of the Babe under the lighted tree and put at His feet the images of the adoring shepherds and kings. At the same time you celebrate the glorious contributions made by the Germanic spirit to and through the culture of Occidental Christianity; the works of Dürer and Bach, Schiller's poems of freedom, Goethe's "Iphigenie," "Fidelio," the Ninth Symphony.

So now once more you prepare for the Christian, the Germanic, feast, for the second time in the war your present leaders have foisted upon you and the world. Grieving, many of you, for sons and fathers perished in the onslaught upon your neighbours; heavy-hearted surely all of you at the thought of how long this is to go on and to what it will come at the last. You lay out the presents; they will be rather sparse, for good things are not

fighting so that the appearance of German planes in Mussolini's former sphere of action would not necessarily mean that Germany had shouldered Italy's burden. It may also be that Hitler is weighing the possibility of a combined Italo-German air and submarine attack on Malta as an offset to British victories in North Africa.

Whatever the immediate future may bring to light, one thing stands out clearly and that is Italy's day as an Empire builder has definitely closed. Even more, Italian independence has vanished. Hitler may or may not delay in assuming open control of the country, but that it is merely a question of time before he does so is clear to all on-lookers and possibly to many Italians as well. Whether Mussolini will connive at this last humiliating step is more than probable, as his only hope of retaining some semblance of an authority which he has so thoroughly abused, would be to accept the role of an Italian Quisling.

easy to come by, though your masters in your name have plundered the Continent they have overrun. But the Christmas candles burn. Tell me how by their light do the deeds look to you which your leaders have forced you as a nation to commit in the last year? How do they look, all the villainies they deliberately have made you guilty of, the fathomless misery and human anguish which National Socialist Germany—a Germany no longer permitted to be either

German or Christian—has piled up all round its borders? Tell me, how do these deeds harmonise with the beautiful old hymns you are singing with your children, your own hearts full of sweet, childlike emotion? Or do you no longer sing the old songs? Instead of "Holy Night," have they ordered you to sing the blood-thirsty party hymn of hate, a hodgepodge of street songs and cheap tabloid propaganda that take an obscure good-for-nothing and make out of him a mythical

hero? I doubt not you will obey, for your submissiveness is boundless and grows, let me tell you, every day harder to forgive.

Boundless, well-nigh unforgivable, is your trust—or, rather, let us say, your credulity. You believe a miserable forger of history, a counterfeit conqueror, when he tells you that through him and through you a world shall dawn where all those values will have perished that make not only a Christian a Christian but quite simply a human being a human being: I mean justice, freedom and truth. You believe him when he says that he, the man of the millennia, is come to put himself in Christ's place and to substitute for the gospel of the brotherhood of man in God the code of body and soul destroying force. You believe him when he says you are the master-folk, called to the creation of a "new order," where all the other peoples shall toil for you, as slaves. And as slaves of his unholy fanaticism you go fighting on, berserker-like, for this hideous new order—for a world, that is, wherein to celebrate the feast of peace and love would be a far worse blasphemy even than it is to-day.

Roof Spotter

I shivered. The dark night air bit into me and the stars seemed to tingle with cold when I opened the door to the roof, climbed the steep stair to the Crow's Nest, and began my first trick as Roof Spotter (acting, auxiliary, unpaid). I identified St. Paul's; from that I worked out the cardinal points. I settled my singularly heavy tin hat on my head and prepared to be blown at any moment 100 feet into the street.

Save for a distant railway light and the green and scarlet crosses on the traffic standards, the darkness was complete. The whirr of a car half a mile away convinced me that a plane was overhead; a distant train announcing its ap-

By Guy Ramsey

proach to a tunnel assured me that a whistling bomb had fallen just behind my left ear.

On the far horizon, there was a pale flicker. "A bit cold for summer lightning?" I ventured. The cool voice of the aerial expert corrected me. "That's gunfire."

"I can't hear anything." "Just wait for a bit." I had forgotten in my excitement the difference between the speeds of light and sound.

Faintly came a pop. Three new ruddy stars flickered for an instant in a patch of sky where no stars had been before, then vanished.

Searchlights sent silver fingers stabbing into the sky, crossing, wheeling, weaving, clicking off like matches blown out, leaving the darkness blacker than before.

A brilliant blaze of light made my head turn as on a swivel. "A big gun?" I said.

"Summer lightning," said the expert. I could hear his smile in his voice.

The flashes on the horizon grew in intensity and number. Suddenly the air seemed to fill with sound. The momentary stars grew dazzling; one could not—at least I could not—distinguish between the reports of the guns and the detonations of the shells. I could not identify a flash on land with a star-burst in the sky. Bewildered, I tried to isolate one single flash and listen for its shell to explode. Impossible.

Sharp crackle and dull bang, sudden, high-pitched pop and shattering thunder, the barrage grew and grew; and over this mighty ground-bass, piercing and soaring, came the high, sweet note of a plane.

Like a violin vibrating on the E string amid a madness of percussion, it sang; shrill, clear, obscured by sheer mass of sound to re-emerge with an illusion of continuity. The searchlight shifted and new batteries came banging and blasting into action. New fingers of new hands interlaced in the sky; like spokes of a wheel they focussed and centred and crossed, radiating from a hub; they broke away again. Then—there was silence.

"He's turned away," said the expert. "He's heading north." Northerly lies Hampstead, where dwells the better part of my life. Without sound the clouds above that suburb seemed to grow suddenly luminous. "More lightning?" I said.

"A breadbasket."

"Hampstead?"

"No. A bit West." The expert coughed. "In fact, if he's not got my house now, he'll never get it!"

"Anybody in it?"

"My family."

I felt a little ashamed of my surge of relief.

Minutes passed. From the East came more gun-fire, rolling up in a thick crescendo of detonation. "I'd give the alarm if I were you," said the expert.

"So soon?"

"Oh, yes. When you hear him overhead, you're quite safe. Now's the time to sound it."

My finger jabbed the bell; I could hear it clanging in the shelter below, from where I stood. I knew—for I had lived it down stairs—that men off duty looked up with humorous resignation and said: "The heat's on again, chaps. I'll try misère."

Flashes of yellow and white spattered the sky. The whine of the plane was still audible as the expert said to me: "Give them the 'danger passed'—he's going away."

"How did you know?" I asked in a lull. I could still hear him.

"Well, you follow the searchlights, follow the gun-flashes, follow his note as well as you can, discount the wind, realise that every one of those little squibs that go off in the air makes quite a number of cubic yards of sky uninhabitable—and use your judgment."

"What's that?" I cried, as a red light burned steadily for a moment or two, travelling fast.

"Well, it might be a fighter—one of ours; or it might be Jerry trying to pretend he's one of our fighters. It's not very easy to pretend, you know." The guns leaped into uproar. "Yes: The pretence didn't get him very much, did it?"

Another spotter nudged me. "You ought to have been here when we saw that plane disintegrate in mid-air over Victoria Station a few days ago," he said. "It's dull to-night, very dull."

"Very dull"—and within an hour we had five office warnings of "danger imminent"; I had seen the great guns flashing in seven different spasms of light; I had seen a breadbasket paint the sky with pallor, and seen its reflection dim as the fire it had sought to cause were conquered; I had felt my heart contract (I am sorry, but emotion, real emotion, can be expressed only in clichés) at its flaming fall; I had seen—admittedly at a distance—the spurt of light that means H.E. and heard the dull boom of a bomb (it says boom, not crump) travelling with intolerable slowness from its point of contact into my ears—such slowness that I barely connected the flash with the sound.

"Very dull"—the phrase was not spoken with the usual affectation of the Briton in danger, but quite seriously.

What was even more remarkable was that, as I returned to the safety of the shelter, I did not shiver. I was warm.

But, above all, you believe that it would be the end of the German people, that it would be all over with them forever were they not to "win" this war. In other words, if they were not to follow a criminal madness through thick and thin and to the uttermost end—an end which will not, I should say, look much like a triumph. Yet he tells you this, so that you may consider your fate indissolubly bound up with his own—a fate sealed, indeed, when the confidently awaited end arrives and his fine-laid schemes suffer shipwreck. In that highly probable event, the kindest thing that can happen to him is that his name be quite forgot. But you? But you yourselves? So it would be the end of you, the end of your existence as Germans, were not this man, but rather reason and human decency, to prevail? No! A new beginning of German life it would be, the winter solstice, new living, new hope, new joy! For in our—not the National-Socialist—new order, of justice and the common weal, of responsibility for all, a new order for which a socially regenerate England fights, and with her a richly resourceful world, you will find your proper place—that "place in the sun" which no one can attain by shrouding the world in terroristic darkness. In this new order opportunities for self-realisation, for the satisfaction of your deepest needs, will be open to you, quite different from those in the world of slaves, where your role would be that of chief slave; the satisfaction, for instance, of a very German need, the need to be loved. Do we not all know that underneath all the misdeeds you have been led into there still survives the profound desire to be loved? Do we not know that it does not make you happy at all to act as the enemy of mankind—that at bottom you find it a desperate and frightful misery?

Germans, save yourselves! Save your souls by ceasing to give allegiance to your task-masters, who are thinking of themselves and not of you at all! I live in the world from which, though you belong to it, you are shut off; I know, and I say to you, Never will that world accept or tolerate the "new order," the sub-human terrorist Utopia for the sake of which your leaders are driving you to starve and die. Never will the great Christian peoples of the world suffer it that peace, when it comes—and it is longed for by you, too—shall be celebrated upon the grave of freedom and human dignity. In the next few years you can, if you will, multiply tenfold the sum of human agony which by your credulous submissiveness you have already brought about. But in the fullness of time the measure will be the measure of your own agony. And how, at the end of all the madness, things will be in Germany—of that one cannot bear to think.

"BAN ENVOY'S CODES" DEMAND BY M.P.S

(By A Diplomatic Correspondent)

DIPLOMATS REPRESENTING FOREIGN POWERS IN LONDON ARE DAILY SENDING TELEGRAMS AND CABLES IN CYPHER AND CODE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON THE CONTINENT AND ELSEWHERE.

Many of these diplomats represent nations far from friendly towards Britain; some of the Governments are in close association with the Axis.

But the British Government has no opportunity of censoring these messages, or of acquainting itself with their contents.

Several M.P.s are alarmed at the latitude which the Foreign Office allows to these foreign representatives. Led by Captain Plugge, M.P., they are trying to persuade the Government to withdraw the privilege.

They know Germany is learning far more than is desirable about what is going on in Britain, where our troops are stationed, where armament work is being carried on, where public bodies meet.

As most of the ordinary espionage channels have been effectively blocked, they doubt the Government's wisdom in allowing diplomats to communicate with their own countries in code.

Two Loopholes

This is a possible loophole over which the Foreign Office ought to exercise more control.

Another loophole is through the diplomatic bags which foreign representatives in Britain are allowed to send—free of censorship—to their own countries at weekly intervals.

THEFT OF PEN

Mr. H. Chauvin, of room No. 63, Dina House, Duddell Street, has reported the theft of a fountain pen, valued at \$17.50, from his room yesterday.

BILL OF HEALTH

Twenty-seven cases of tuberculosis, four of dysentery, three of measles, and one each of typhoid and meningitis, were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

H.K. DANGER ZONES

It is announced by the Naval Authorities that dangerous obstructions exist in the following areas round Hong Kong and passage is therefore prohibited:

(1) North Lantau Channel:—One and a half miles either side of the line joining Pillar Point and Red Point (Chu Lu Kok) to the northward of Latitude 22° 19' N.

West Lamma Channel:—In the West Lamma Channel and Southern Approach to Silver Mine Bay (Lantau) bounded as follows:—On the North: By a line drawn from Lantau Island in a direction 090° to the S. W. Point of Papai, thence following the north coasts of Papai and Chau Kung and from the North Point of Chau Kung in a direction 053° to Dutton Rock, thence in a direction 109° to a point 360° distant 7.5 cables from Pak Kok (Lamma Island).

On the South: By a line drawn 100 from Lantau Island to the North Point of Cheung Chau, thence following the East Coast of Cheung Chau to the North Point of Tung Wan Bay, thence in a direction 109° to the coast of Lamma Island in Ha-mei-wan.

On the East: By the West coast of Lamma Island and a line drawn 360° for a distance of 7.5 cables from Pak Kok (Lamma Island).

On the West: By the coast of Lantau Island. River steamers, and other small craft approaching Hong Kong from the Westward, are to pass South of Lantau and Lamma Islands and enter Harbour by the East Lamma Channel.

Ocean going vessels are to enter by the Tathong Channel as previously ordered.

Masters of native craft and other, in possession of "Minchell Charts" should amend them pending a revised issue.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

AT THE INSTANCE OF MR. H. W. MILLS, OF THE STANDARD VACUUM OIL COMPANY, CHEUNG LAM, A LORRY DRIVER, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING FOR DRIVING IN A DANGEROUS MANNER IN TAI PO ROAD ON JANUARY 13.

Mr. Mills alleged that at 8 a.m. while he was driving towards the Star Ferry at the junction of Tai Po Road and Boundary Street, accused coming from the opposite direction, overtook a stationary bus. Mr. Mills had to swerve to avoid a head-on collision.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

SCROUNGED NAVY COAL

CHARGED WITH STEALING TWO AND A HALF TONS OF COAL, PROPERTY OF THE ADMIRALTY, IP KAM-SHUI, 56, MASTER OF BOAT NO. 1921V, WAS FINED \$200, OR THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR, BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

For stealing one ton of coal, Leung Yuk, 42, mistress of boat No. 2714V, was fined \$150, or two months' imprisonment.

Both were engaged by the Naval Dockyard to transfer coal from the Dockyard to a steamer in the Harbour yesterday afternoon. The "missing" coal was later found in their boats.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone of considerable intensity is developing over N. China; pressure is also moderately high over the Pacific eastward of the Bonins. The depression is moving north-eastward across the northern part of the Sea of Japan.

Playing On Vichy Nerves

While the Vichy Cabinet was meeting yesterday afternoon to head Admiral Darlan's report of his parley with the Germans in Paris, pressure was again applied through the voice of Stuttgart radio station.

In a broadcast in the French language, the German announcer expressed himself pessimistically about the chances of an improved understanding between Vichy and Berlin.

"If," he stated, "the position remains as at present or changes for the worse, as it seems likely to do, Germany will have to be on her guard and will be obliged to require facilities from France and impose much more severe peace terms."—Reuter.

MR. CURRIE'S MISSION

In a press interview today at the American Consulate General, Mr. Lowell Laughlin Currie said that he had come to China at the invitation of the Chinese Government in order to secure first hand information on the general and economic situation and to consult the Chinese Government regarding this situation.

"As you are aware," he said, "I bear personal greetings from President Roosevelt to the Generalissimo."

"On my arrival yesterday, I was met by the Generalissimo's personal representative, bearing the Generalissimo's personal greetings in his beautiful writing for which I feel deeply honoured."

"This is an instance of the close and cordial relations between China and the United States."

Mr. Currie said that he expected to leave for Chungking shortly after a series of interviews in Hong Kong. He would return to Hong Kong on his way back. It was his first visit to China.

Asked whether the outcome of his mission was likely to improve China's position politically and economically, Mr. Currie said he expected it would be of benefit to both countries.

LAW FIRM BURGLED

THE OFFICES OF MESSRS. WOO AND WOO WAS ENTERED BY A CAT BURGLAR BETWEEN 9 P.M. ON TUESDAY AND 6 A.M. YESTERDAY, AND A SILVER INK STAND, VALUED AT \$150, AND CLOTHING WERE STOLEN.

The burglar, Lam Chiu, 33, was arrested two hours after the theft, by Sergeant Mackenzie in Wanchai. The silver ink stand was in the man's possession.

Before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, he was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Acting Sub-Inspector Fowle conducted the prosecution.

YOUNG WOMEN HEAVILY FINED

Fines totalling \$210 were imposed by Commander T. C. Stiff, Marine Magistrate, this morning on seven young Chinese women accused of boarding the s.s. "Heinrick Jensen" without the permission of the master, to solicit for prostitution.

Sub-Inspector Baysting prosecuted.

RETURN OF DEPOSIT CLAIMED

AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, SHIN KING-CHEUNG, OF NO. 183, MAIN STREET, WAS GIVEN JUDGMENT FOR \$1,662 IN AN ACTION AGAINST LAM MING-SHUI, ALIAS LAM SAM, TRADING UNDER THE NAME OF S. C. LAY AND CO., BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, appeared for plaintiff. Defendant was not present or represented.

Plaintiff said that in January, 1940, he was working at the Swatow Lace Company. Defendant offered him a position as a shoof in his firm with a deposit of \$3,000. He counter offered \$1,500 which was accepted, and, on January 29, he paid the money over and went to defendant's office and signed the agreement of employment.

He was to be paid \$75 a month and \$6 travelling expenses.

He started work on February 15, but when he went to the office he found an execution had been levied on the firm, and he carried on till March 13, when defendant was imprisoned for debt.

On March 30, defendant's wife gave him notice and when defendant came out, he asked for the return of his deposit and his salary. Defendant said that he had no money and after repeated requests this action was taken.

On April 16, he re-joined the Swatow Lace Company. His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff for \$1,500, the deposit money, \$121.50 due as salary and \$40.50 damages.

KEPT ROYAL LINK SECRET FROM BRIDE

Not until after her wedding did a twenty-year-old laundress, daughter of a builder's labourer, learn that her husband is son of a cousin of the Queen.

The bride, formerly Miss Jean Crawford, of Royal Avenue, Largs, Ayrshire, now wife of Captain Patrick Drummond Scott, aged twenty-seven, told a reporter at a Glasgow hotel:—

"I never realised that my husband was related to the Queen—and me a laundress."

"But it won't make any difference now. We are very happy."

It was when Captain Scott was speaking to reporters after his wedding at Largs that he revealed his mother's relationship with the Queen.

He is a son of Mr. Frank Scott, of Speldhurst, Kent. His mother, now the Baroness de Longueuil, was Miss Ernestine Bowes-Lyon before her first marriage.

Back To Army

"My wife is going back to live with her people until I can make further arrangements," said Captain Scott.

"I am now rejoining my regiment the Royal West Kents. I am very happy indeed with Jean."

He got twenty-four hours' leave for his wedding.

The romance began when Miss Crawford met Captain Scott during a Paul Jones dance at the Largs pierhead ball-room.

RECORD NOT SPOILT

A 26-YEAR UNBLEMISHED DRIVING RECORD SAVED MR. W. V. TAYLOR, OF NO. 38, HILLWOOD ROAD, FROM A CONVICTION IN THE KOWLOON COURT THIS MORNING.

He was summoned for speeding in a controlled area in Nathan Road on January 14.

Pleading guilty, Mr. Taylor stated that he had driven in the Colony for 26 years without a breach of the regulations.

In view of defendant's unblemished record, Mr. E. Himsworth said that no conviction would be registered.



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Hitler Demanding Radical Action By End Of February

HITLER HAS INFORMED VICHY THAT A "COMPLETE AND RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND AND PUT INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY," ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM THE FRENCH FRONTIER TO THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The Vichy Government is understood still to be trying to play for time and to avoid a definite yes or no, but this time the German demands appear to be in the nature of an ultimatum.

RESERVE PARCELS FOR PRISONERS

THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF BRITISH FIRMS FAMILIAR WITH PACKING ON A LARGE SCALE HAS BEEN SECURED TO CARRY OUT A SCHEME TO CREATE A RESERVE OF EIGHT WEEKS SUPPLY OF PARCELS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY.

Weekly requirements are about 40,000 parcels and the reserve therefore will be about 320,000.

This reserve will be distributed at various points along the route, such as Lisbon, Marseilles and Geneva, and will be available during any emergency.

Five weekly parcels are now being sent from Lisbon to Marseilles and two ships are engaged in this service. Negotiations are in progress with the Swiss Government to the same effect.

"BULLET BOMB" AIR WEAPON

AN EXPLODING BULLET WHICH CAN BE FIRED FROM CONVENTIONAL CALIBRE RIFLES AND MACHINE-GUNS HAS BEEN PATENTED BY THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

The inventors, Paul R. de V. Ide and Casimier Koufmann, of Geneva, Switzerland, claim that the explosion of the bullet will rip open a plane's wing and fuselage covering.

The bullet, it is said, explodes on impact and acts like a miniature bomb.

A hole is bored in the conventional solid bullet. The part of the bore near the nose is filled with a fulminate packed around a tiny metal ball. The rest of the bore is packed with explosive.

Fired from the usual cartridge,

No information on yesterday's French Cabinet meeting has been forthcoming.

Toulouse radio merely said it was "very important." Meanwhile Admiral Darlan will probably return to Paris this morning, according to well-informed circles in Vichy quoted by the Swiss radio.—Reuter.

Meeting Ends At 5.30 a.m.

THE FRENCH CABINET MEETING UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY LASTED TWO HOURS, ENDING AT 5.30 A.M. (G.M.T.)

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, WAS CONFINED TO THE STATEMENT THAT "ADMIRAL DARLAN REPORTED ON THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH HE HAD IN PARIS DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS. SUBSEQUENTLY THE MINISTERS DELIBERATED ON GENERAL POLICY." —REUTER.

Laval's Intrigue

Philippe Laval lost his post in the Petain Government last December because he had completed negotiations with the Germans for them to have use of the French Fleet and occupy the French naval base at Bizerta.

This is according to information received in Washington yesterday from Europe by well-informed diplomatic quarters.

On Laval's return to the Cabinet, it is learned from the same source, Berlin is demanding fulfilment of the agreement but Marshal Petain is unwilling to agree. — Reuter.

DIED ON DUTY

The British Red Cross Society announce that 11 members of detachments—six women and five men—have been killed through enemy action. Another woman member died from wounds.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade has lost five officers and members while on service, as well as one member of the Royal Naval Auxiliary Sick Berth Reserve.

the bullet, on striking a target, explodes when the tiny metal ball, disturbed by the impact, crashes into the fulminate.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING ANTI-HOARDING CAMPAIGN

The National Government has promulgated a set of regulations governing the prohibition of hoarding of important daily necessities for profiteering.

Included are rice, wheat, flour, kaoliang, corn, beans, cotton, cotton yarn, cotton piece goods, linen, leather, coal, briquets, charcoal, salt, paper, soap, matches and vegetable seeds.

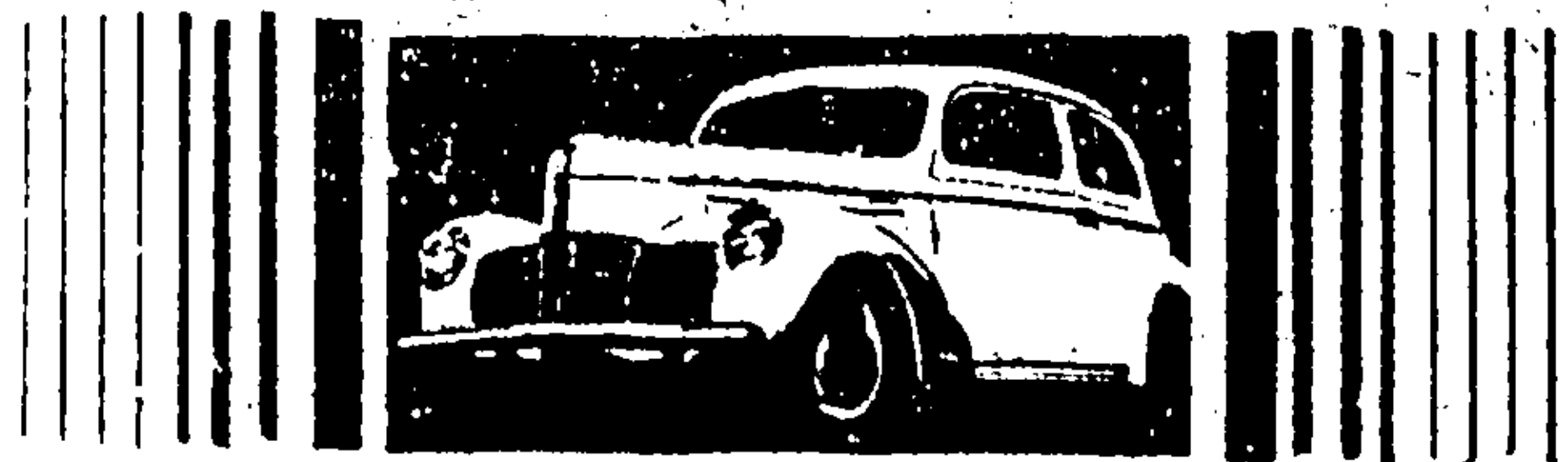
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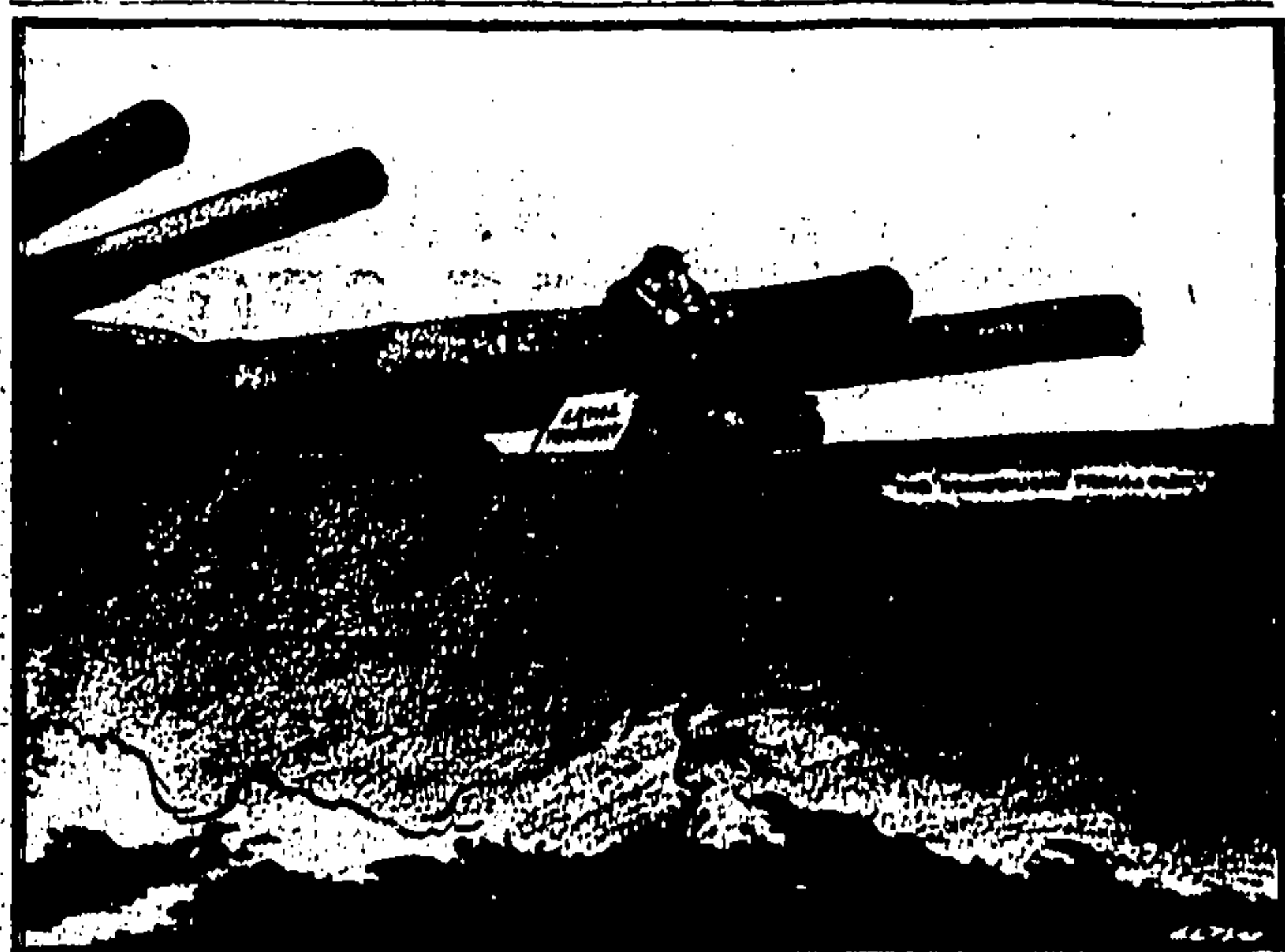
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INCONSISTENCY

By The Four Aces

We witnessed the same type of mistake twice recently in one of New York's best Bridge clubs:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ A 7 3
♥ A
♦ J 7 6 5 2
♣ Q 9 8 3
♠ 10 8 4
♥ K J 8 6 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 4
N
W
E
S
♠ K Q J 5
♥ Q 9 6
♦ A Q 9
♣ A J 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South should have opened with one no-trump, but after the actual bid of one spade, North found herself unable to show her "maximum pass." The diamonds were too shabby for a jump to three diamonds, the spades were too weak for a jump raise, and the singleton heart steered her away from two no-trump. Two dia-

monds was the best bid she could make at that point.

Now South had to bid two no-trump, a rebid which shows considerable strength and invites a game. And once again North had a problem. If South had a five-card spade suit (a distinct possibility despite his failure to rebid spades), the only game might lie at spades rather than no-trumps; or, perhaps, there might even be a slam in the cards. These avenues would be left unexplored if North just raised to three no-trump, so North bid three spades.

And here South, with amazing inconsistency, passed, fearful that North was trying to "sign off." South forgot that he had invited a game and that North's bid of three spades was a forward-looking bid—hence an acceptance of the game invitation. Had North held a weak hand, she would have raised spades on the first round instead of showing her diamonds, or she could have passed two no-trump instead of bidding three spades. South's inconsistency thus was responsible for missing an easy game.

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass

ANSWER: Bid one heart. You have ample strength for an opening bid and have no reason to attempt a shut-out bid of three



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Question No. 632

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass

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Young girls under twenty usually do not have a leg beauty problem, but there are of course exceptions. Some girls have more superfluous hair than others, and if they step out to parties they are sensitive about this condition. They should remove the hair if it shows darkly through their hose for otherwise it makes them self-conscious, which is not good.

About Treatments

There is no truth whatever in the claim that certain depilatories destroy hair growth at the roots after a few applications. Depilatories, like the wax treatment and shaving process, nips off the hair close to the root, and it will eventually grow back. Any product which destroys the hair growth would be harmful to the skin.

Personally I do not favour any one method. The wax method is difficult to do by yourself as the wax must be pulled off in strips after it has hardened slightly. That hurts and it is better for another to pull than yourself.

Cream depilatories are simple to use. They are spread over the hair growth with a wooden spatula, allowed to dry and then washed off with clear warm water followed by splashings of cold water. The newer formulas are perfumed and do not have the terrible odours that the first depilatories had. I do think, after observation, that cream depilatories somewhat discourage hair growth through weakening the strength of the hair, but they do not discourage it altogether.



Leg beauty is made possible by the use of the first electric shaver made exclusively for women. It leaves the skin velvety smooth, free of all superfluous hair.

Shaving the legs is a clean and simple method of beautifying them, but the hair should first be softened by warm water and soap,

just as a man's beard is softened. Only a safety or electric razor should be used and if your skin is tissue-paper-thin, you must be careful not to cut it accidentally.

Many women are favouring a new electric shaver which was especially designed for feminine use. It is a handy little instrument which may be plugged into any current and they claim it nips off the hair in such a fashion that prevents stubbles of new growth from penetrating their hose. You might investigate this shaver if you like cutting the hair instead of using a depilatory.

The remaining method—using an emery board—is particularly satisfactory for young girls, or for those who have only a light blonde growth to contend with. These emery pads slip over your fingers mitten fashion and you rub in circles gently until the hair falls off.

So there is the story—it leaves little excuse for any woman to be embarrassed about her legs. As long as we expose them as we do we will have to groom them carefully!

Vitamins Essential To Beauty

Many women would eat the proper vitamins if they knew what a vitamin was, and how they could get it. Much confusion is prevalent about vitamins. Some women even confuse them with calories.

A vitamin is a food factor which is found in minute quantities in many foods and regarded as essential to normal growth.

For instance Vitamin A is found in green leafy vegetables and yellow vegetables (especially in carrots), all dairy products, fish liver oils and in dried apricots and prunes.

When the Vitamin A is extracted from these foods the rest is discarded, so when you take a Vitamin A capsule you are getting only the Vitamin A from great quantities of the foods which contain it. It would be impossible for you to eat that much food, for the bulk would be too much for your stomach. However, if one eats balanced menus daily and includes two or three of the foods in which Vitamin A exists, there should be no need for concentrated capsule doses.

Children And Adults Need Vitamin A

Vitamin A is a great aid to health. It protects eyesight, helps

to prevent what is known as night blindness, it promotes normal growth and helps the body to build a good resistance to infection, such as infection in teeth, sinus, appendix, etc.

Children need over twice as much Vitamin A in their menus as do adults, but adults need a good quantity of it. For instance, an adult requires from 3,000 to 5,000 international units of Vitamin A each day. A child requires from 8,000 to 10,000 international units of Vitamin A daily.

How To Measure Vitamins

To give you a clear idea of how to measure your Vitamin A I list the foods which are the chief sources of this very necessary Vitamin, and give you the number of international units which they contain. This list is quoted through the courtesy of Theodore A. Jost, M.D.:

- 1 glass of milk—270 units
- 1 oz. American cheese—525 units
- 1 egg—350 units
- 1 ounce of liver—1,535 units
- 1 tablespoon of butter—230 units
- 12 dried apricots—2,450 units
- 6 large prunes—875 units

- 1 medium apple—55 units
- 1 cup of 20% cream—1,250 units
- 1 saucedish spinach—17,500 units
- 1 saucedish broccoli—4,900 units
- 1 saucedish carrots—3,850 units
- 1 sweet potato—3,500 units
- 1 teaspoon fish liver oil—at least 4,250 units.

So you see you should eat 1 egg, 12 dried apricots, and drink two glasses of milk each day in order to get a normal supply of Vitamin A—or a combination of the above foods which will total between 3,000 and 5,000 international units! A child should eat more.

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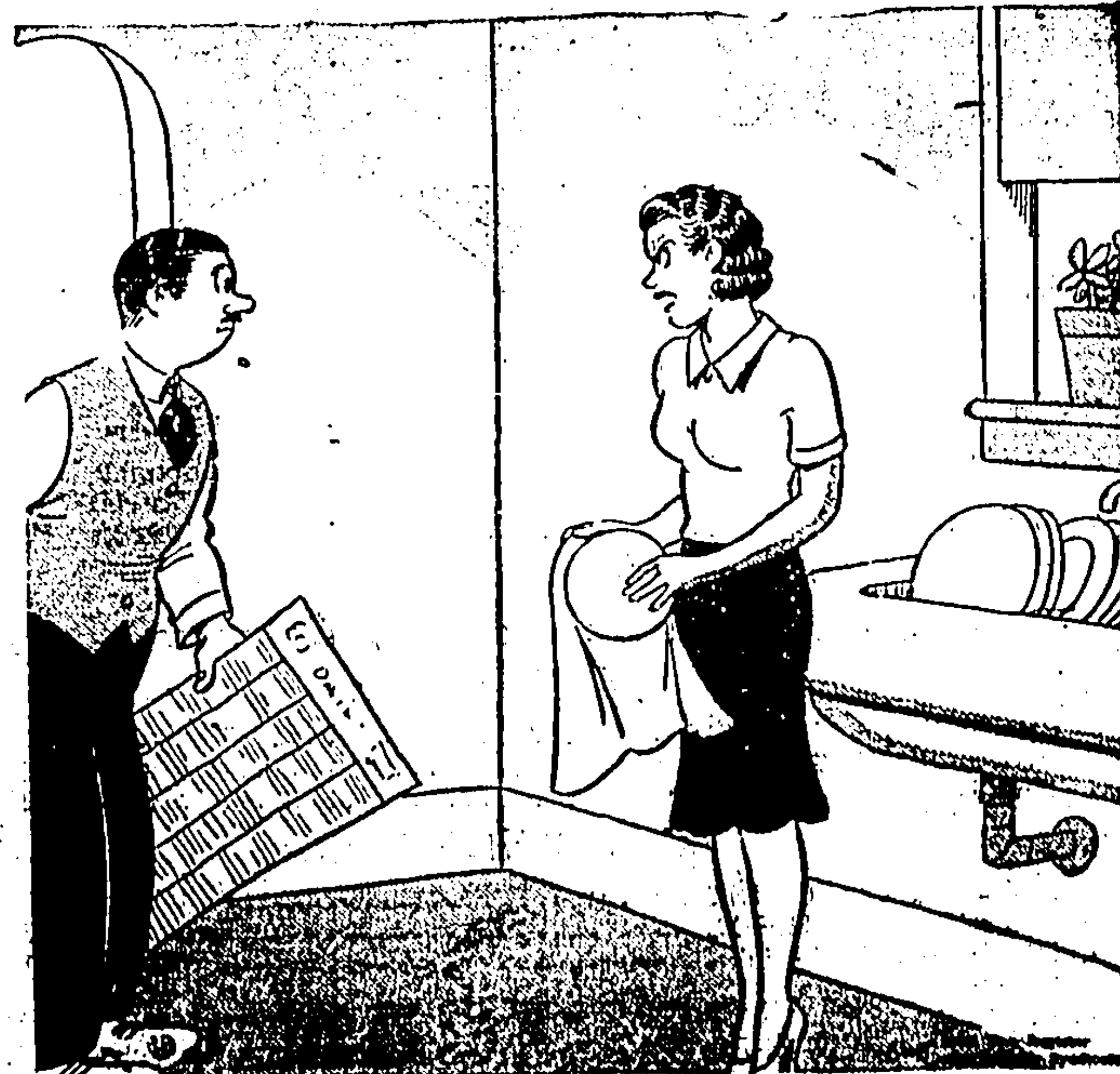
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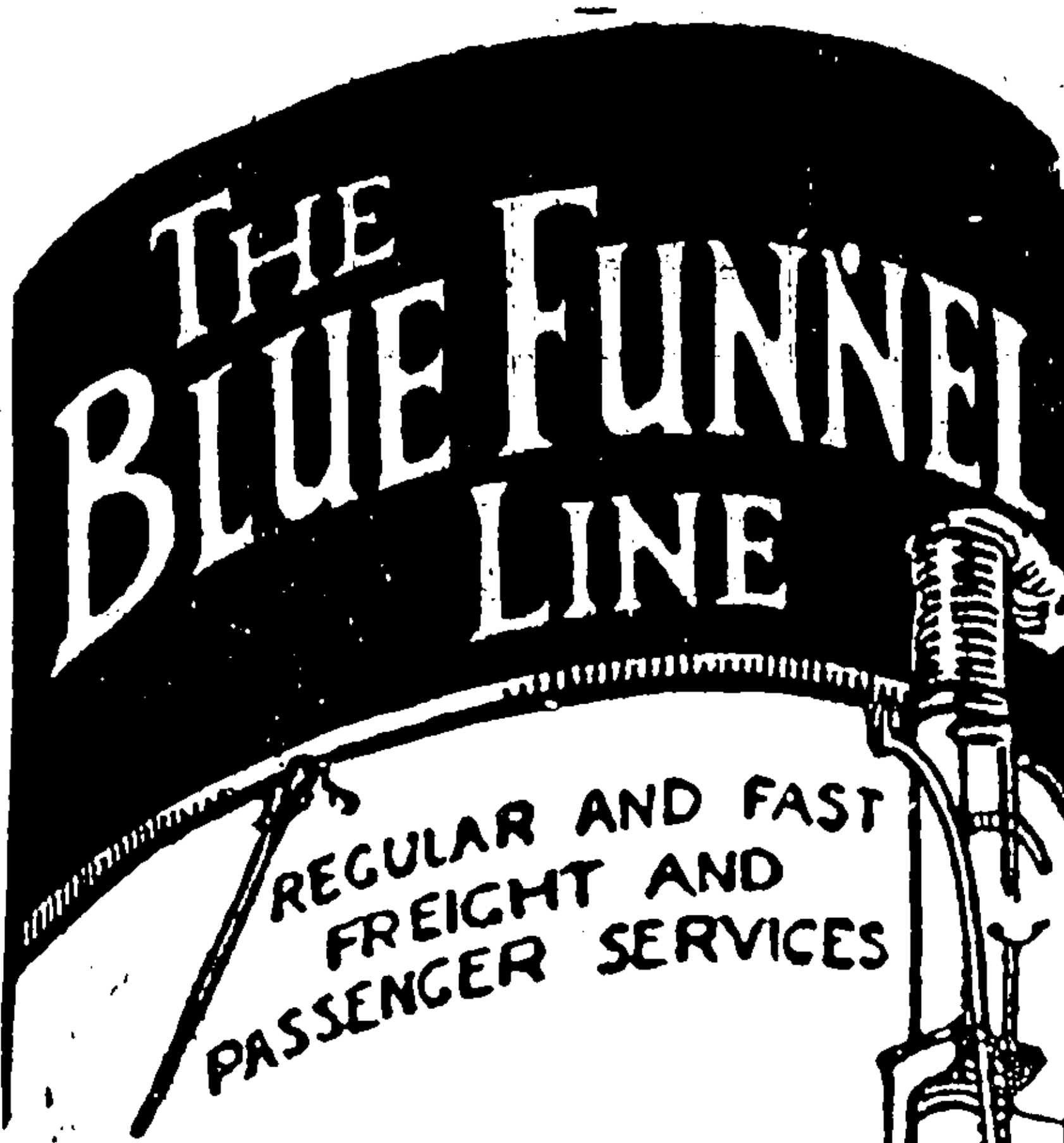


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TAIL-END CHARLIE TAKES TO THE BOATS

(By "AIR GUNNER")

"SOLDIER AND SAILOR TOO," is what they call the Marines, and there are times when Tail-End Charlie with the rest of his bomber's crew have to turn hastily from airmen into real sailors. Since their aircraft cannot be relied on to stay afloat for long the transformation has to be made pretty quickly.

The bomber has dropped its load somewhere not a hundred miles from the Rhine, and is cruising comfortably home. It's a dark autumn night, and, although they have had some trouble with Flak back there, the crew have the easy feeling of tourists half-way from a pleasant charabanc ride.

"What's our E.T.A.?" the captain asks. E.T.A. is short for estimated time of arrival - and means a lot to homegoers.

"0440. We ought to pick up the Dutch coast any time now."

"Searchlights on starboard bow!" announces somebody.

"That'll be—," says the captain. "Old Gooney Gubbins caught a packet there only last week. Steer a point or two north."

An eye, malevolent, red, glares suddenly from the ground at the passing plane. Two frigid blue beams, one either side of it, shoot up to fasten on Tail-End Charlie's glass home.

"Searchlights on our tail!" he sings out and feels the "kite" roll and dip as its pilot takes avoiding action.

Gun Rattles

"What height are we?" he asks as the bunch of inquisitive searchlights are increased by five or six more.

"Three thousand," answers the pilot. At once Tail-End Charlie's gun rattles. One of those prying rays dies suddenly and Tail-End Charlie, exultantly pours a burst down the glittering beam of another. He announces some Flak, which flies heavenwards past him. The aircraft is dipping and diving, and his eyes are engrossed on his sight. Suddenly, WHOOF! a heavy shell explodes close. Something goes crash. The great bomber lurches.

"Gee, that was near!" Tail-End Charlie hears the pilot exclaim. Then—"Hullo, our port engine's jiggered!"

Now the rear gunner can feel the aircraft sinking and sinking. He wonders just what has happened.

The port engine has gone out of business, and the petrol is streaming away from a jagged hole in the port tank. The captain is holding his aircraft up as well as he can as he sees the Dutch coast pass below them and knows that some two hundred miles of cold, tossing sea must be crossed before he gets home.

With all the work on one engine he struggles hard to keep the bomber flying a thousand feet up, while his wireless operator sends out constant signals of their position and plight. Meanwhile Tail-End Charlie and the rest of the crew are not idle. Taking turns with an axe they hack off the door of the bomber and through the doorway goes hurtling anything heavy and movable. The expensive bomb-sight goes splashing

machine-guns and shining festoons of linked cartridges. Spare flares, instruments, parachutes, all go sailing into the water. At last everything that can be detached has gone over. The plane is plodding along, just skimming the surface, its petrol almost exhausted. Tail-End Charlie squats perspiring and parting close to a big blue package near the fuselage doorway.

Terrific Jar

Suddenly, "Get ready to take the water!" the captain's voice warns.

His second pilot signals the crew to lie down. They disperse themselves on the floor, prepared for the shock when the bomber comes down in the sea. A terrific jar, which shoots each of them backwards, a splash like the splash of a whale—and the aircraft is floating at rest on the dark heaving water.

Tail-End Charlie has sprung to his feet. Grabbing his odd dumpy bundle, he flings it out through the doorway. At the same time the captain and wireless operator have climbed through the forward escape hatch.

Tail-End Charlie's bundle falls into the water and sinks like a stone, but it is suddenly brought up short by a length of cord which connects it to the rapidly filling aircraft. Then a miracle happens. The bundle unfolds, blossoms like a huge water-lily, and rises to the surface, a round yellow boat. The crew jump aboard. Tail-End Charlie among them, a clasp-knife gripped in his hand to cut loose the painter.

"Get at those marine flares," the captain orders. "Someone ought to be on their way."

Suddenly two more stars appear in the sky—one white and one coloured.

"Hurrah, they've found us!" the captain cheers them. "They'll soon have a boat along." So they sit on, occasionally sending up signals whenever the plane's fading engine denotes that its pilot has lost them. Dawn breaks. They begin to feel cold and a lot of rum is passed round. They discern the plane now—a Blenheim circling above them, keeping watch while it signals to shore.

They are too low down on the surface to see the rescuing destroyer until it is almost upon them. She heaves to, and a boat is lowered. The little voyage is ended without further event.

"Refreshments downstairs", suggests a cheerful lieutenant. They answer the call.

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AMERICA'S BIG BOMBERS

Size is a quality inevitably associated with trans-Atlantic productions; and reports of new American bombers, either ordered by Britain or for the United States Air Services, feature their size as an outstanding point.

One type of big American bomber which has caught the imagination is the Boeing B.17, sometimes called the "Flying Fortress." Actually, as big 4-motor aircraft go, it is not unusually large. Its general dimensions and range correspond to those of Britain's 20-ton, 4-engine flying-boat, the Short "Sunderland." Its wing span of 105 feet is 8 feet less than that of the "Sunderland." It is some 18 feet less than the span of the Armstrong-Whitworth "Ensign," Britain's biggest civil air liner, also a 4-motor aircraft.

As first produced some few years ago the original "Flying Fortress" had four 1,000 h.p. Wright "Cyclone" motors, which gave it a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. The effective range claimed was around 3,000 miles say from London to Tripoli and back—and the service ceiling just under 6 miles. Bomb load is a variable factor dependent among other things, on the amount of fuel carried. But it is safe to assume that the B.17 could carry 4 to 5 tons of bombs and ammunition on a round trip of 2,000 miles.

A feature of the design, which gave the B.17 the name of "Flying Fortress," is the number of protective gun positions. Four of these were originally located in "blisters" on the outside of the fuselage, but later examples show gun turrets, similar to the British practice. Even so, the total gun power is not likely to approach that possessed by the latest versions of Britain's famous bombers, such as the turreted Wellington.

An improved "Flying Fortress," produced just before the war, had a cleaned-up external design, and a special super-charging system for giving greater engine power at heights above 20,000 feet. The resulting performance figures were not made known, but it may be assumed that the maximum speed of 250 m.p.h. has been improved upon.

A new bomber now being built by American is in a different category, and, so far as is known, really is the "world's largest."

This is the Douglas B.19, a 60-ton monster with a wing span of 210 feet—three times that of the Handley-Page "Hampton."

Four Wright "Duplex-Cyclone" motors, each of 1,700 h.p. are calculated to give this new Douglas bomber a speed of "over 200 m.p.h." The estimated range is 6,000 miles, roughly the distance from New York to Southampton and back. A "useful load" of 28 tons is quoted, including about 18 tons of bombs. Such a bomb load represents about as much as could be carried, for a much shorter distance, by six entire squadrons of Me. 109 fighter bombers!

The landing gear is of the three-wheel or "tricycle" type, and a feature of the design is the provision of heated and air conditioned cabins and sleeping quarters for the crew of ten. Sound-proofing, a practice usually associated only with modern civil air liner construction, but important from the point of view of flying fatigue, has also been provided in the radio operator's and navigator's compartments.

PALESTINIAN CITRUS CROP

Replying to parliamentary questions relating to the Palestinian citrus crop the Colonial Under-Secretary stated that comprehensive proposals for assisting growers and others engaged in the citrus industry recently had been received and were under consideration.

A Citrus Control Board, upon which both Jew and Arab members are included, had been set up to impose statutory supervision over the whole industry. British Wireless.

CONCENTRATION CAMP IN PYRENEES

THERE IS A SECOND DACHAU — the Nazi concentration camp in Bavaria — in a small village in the Basses Pyrenees, near Pau. The camp is five miles from the demarcation line, and German officers and commissioners of various kinds frequently go over to see that their instructions are carried out.

The camp, which originally accommodated Republican Spaniards seeking refuge in France, was in May the chief concentration camp for German women in France. Now it is the main camp in France of Germans of both sexes.

"SAWN OFF" GETS D.S.O.

"Sawn Off," as he is known to his fellow airmen — otherwise Pilot-Officer Eric Stanley Lock, No. 41 Squadron — has been awarded the D.S.O.

He has brought down twenty planes.

He is twenty-one years of age and is married to a former Shrewsbury Carnival Queen.

His parents, who live at Bayston Hill, near Shrewsbury, understand that the award is in recognition of his courage and endurance in bringing down his machine safely after a fight although seriously injured in both legs and his arm broken in two places. He is at present in hospital.

Holds D.F.C., With Bar

A souvenir which he carries about with him is a bullet extracted from a previous leg wound.

He shot down eleven machines in ten days, three of them in one afternoon, and he had to bale out three times in as many weeks.

The men at his station have sent him a case of champagne and a congratulatory telegram, to which the wives of fellow officers added the words: "Well done, Lockie."

Lock won the D.F.C. in September, when he had destroyed nine planes within a week.

The next month he was awarded a bar to the D.F.C. for gallantry while on patrol.

CHINESE ART EXHIBITION

What promises to be a unique affair in art circles is an individual show by Miss Wu Yung-hsiang.

Miss Wu, who is the second daughter of the well-known Chinese diplomat, Mr. Aitcher K. Wu, attended the National Peiping Art Academy, graduating first in the Chinese Art Department, where she studied under Professors Chi-Pei-shih, Pu Hsin-yu and other famous artists.

After graduation, she was specially selected for post-graduate studies in the Chinese Art Academy of the Peiping Palace Museum and there had the opportunity to view at leisure many rare masterpieces, at the same time studying the principles of art under the celebrated Prof. Hwang Pin-hung.

Miss Wu has to her credit several successful exhibitions of the kind in Peiping, which aroused favourable general interest.

The exhibition will be in the Peacock Lounge, Exchange Building and is open to the public February 8th-11th, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Some eighty specimens of Miss Wu's recent works will be shown. A preview is to be held on February 7, at 4.30 p.m., when His Excellency Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, will introduce the artist. Admission to the preview is by invitation.

WOMAN GRADUATE STOLE

Mrs. Eleanor May Sharp, thirty-five, of Tennyson Avenue, Cambridge, said to be an M.A. and the wife of a Doctor of Science at Cambridge University, was fined £5 at Cambridge for stealing articles worth 3s. 6d. from a Woolworth's store.

The inmates are of two kinds: those previously interned in camps like St. Cyprian and St. Germain Les Balles and those direct from Germany. There are Jews and Liberals, mainly from the Palatinate and Baden.

Herded Like Cattle

Hundreds of French men and women saw trainloads of people from Germany driven out of trucks like cattle at Oloren station. There were old and infirm persons, epileptics, sufferers from other diseases, and a sprinkling of those whom past sufferings had driven mad.

Their departure from Germany was hasty, and there was every sign of disorganisation. A seven-months-old baby arrived without parents, and there were hundreds of cases of wives without husbands and vice versa.

Many did not have an opportunity to take the barest necessities. Transport conditions were such that when the human wreckage was unloaded four were dead. The Germans usually take the precaution of removing bodies before the prisoners arrive in the unoccupied zone.

Other prisoners died from pneumonia after their arrival. The Germans ordered the French not to help the prisoners in any way. If anything is done it is carried out secretly, but the French guards are in terror of the visits of the German commissioners.

There were 13,000 prisoners in the camp on Nov. 9. They are in sections, but there is no contact between them.

In Quarantine

There is typhus in one section, which is in quarantine. The sufferings of people there are terrible. General conditions are bad, and food insufficient.

Restrictions that ensure that these conditions will continue have been imposed. Living conditions are cramped and uncomfortable. There are no seats in the huts, which are infested with vermin. Hygienic conditions are almost non-existent.

Prisoners continue to arrive in large numbers without warning, and the French authorities have no time to prepare anything. Many prisoners die from exposure.

Each sector is surrounded by barbed wire. It is estimated that the camp can accommodate 22,000 people. It sometimes takes even a visiting priest two hours to see a particular inmate.

Pilot v Dinghy

A German pilot, who was taken prisoner in Kent, confessed that before falling into our hands, while "flying at 25,000 feet", he was attacked in the rear by his rubber dinghy which had become accidentally inflated.

In an effort to master the dinghy, he lost control and went into a spiral dive. On pulling out, the engine stalled and he had to make a forced landing.

BRIDE LOSES TROUSSEAU

On the eve of her wedding day Miss E. Clark, manageress of the White Lion Hotel, High Street, Edgware, Middlesex, lost her wedding dress and trousseau in a fire which damaged the hotel.

A maid saw smoke coming from the cook's bedroom. Mr. Oakman, barman, and Mr. O. H. Garratt, the licensee, made vain attempts to enter the room.

The majority of the staff lost their belongings.

HOCKEY "EPIC" AT D.G.S.

As part of the "House Warming" celebrations in connection with the completion of the new wing of Diocesan Girls' School, a hockey match will be played on Saturday between the Past and Present students of the school.

Several members of the Past team, who at one time were leading local lights at the game but have not played for some time, have dusted the cobwebs off their sticks and expect to show the Present girls that they have not forgotten all the cunning of their more active, pre-golf days.

The teams have been selected as follows:—

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The School extends an invitation to all old girls to attend the hockey match and take part in the other celebrations.

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The following will represent Y.M.C.A. team at hockey against Signals at 5 p.m. to-day at King's Park.—V. M. Benwell; J. Whitburn; H. B. Jordan; H. W. Smits, L. F. Coombes, J. K. Gilchrist; L. W. Macey, R. G. Spencelayh, Hitchcock, W. Ure, and R. Banks.

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CRICKET NOTES

A. H. RUMJAHN & MADAR BAT WELL AGAINST K.C.C.

Another Brilliant Innings By Donald Anderson

McLellan And Perry Bowl Well; Subdue Recreio Batsmen

By "Adrem"

BY WAY OF A CHANGE THE WEATHER ON SATURDAY WAS IDEAL FOR CRICKET ALTHOUGH SOME MAY HAVE FOUND IT A TRIFLE COLD. MOST GROUNDS HAD DRIED OUT WELL FOLLOWING A LONG PERIOD OF DARK AND DISMAL DAYS AND GENERALLY WICKETS WERE GOOD AND OUTS ELDS REASONABLY FAST.

Two senior matches were played, Kowloon Cricket Club having a good win over Indian Recreation Club and Civil Service drawing with Recreio at the Valley.

The fixture between University and Craigen-gower was postponed on the instigation of the former club although their reasons for taking this step appear to be somewhat obscure.

The match at Cox's Road appeared to have been affected by the weather conditions and it was played in a fine spirit throughout. I.R.C., having lost their first match, against University, might reasonably have been expected to take what they could have got in the way of points and have been quite happy with the draw. It is certain they could have forced had they so desired. Instead they chose to go out for a win right from the start.

K.C.C. Win Toss

Fincher won the toss and put his opponents in—the usual K.C.C. League policy—and at the outset A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. H. Esmail took few chances. Broadbridge dropped both of them in the slips off Lee early on but as soon as they could see the ball both men went for any runs that were going.

Rumjahn impressed considerably. For a man of his age his eyesight is remarkably keen although his wrists seem to have lost some of their erstwhile power. But gave him any type of ball which should be scored off, not to mention quite a few to which defensive shots might be played and he will take a quiet two or single.

He proved himself a rare judge of a short run and his uncanny ability to place his shots enabled him to be off down the wicket almost before he had completed his stroke.

At no stage, after that chance given in the slips, did he look like getting out and it came as a big surprise and disappointment when Madar hit one wide of the bowler, Lloyd, and called a run, which Rumjahn evidently took to be an easy one for he only ambled down the wicket to be run out by a mile.

Esmail showed a lot of enterprise after being tied in knots by Lee and made some nice strokes to the covers and he was unfortunate to be out to a brilliant left-handed catch in the slips by Francis Zimmermann.

Madar told me he was not feeling well but his indisposition was certainly not reflected in his batting which was confident and attractive throughout. The bowling was fairly steady and he was not always able to get the ball through the field but he did pretty well and was only out when he failed to get hold of a ball from Lee which Hung held nicely at mid-on, wide and deep.

Brilliant Catch

Minu was brilliantly held on the boundary by E. F. Fincher when he hit a full-toss from Lloyd high and hard. Fincher ran in to the ball and appeared to have misjudged it but at the last moment he shot up his right hand for the ball to stick.

I was very impressed with the batting of young K. M. Rumjahn, who went in rather late. He has a useful defence and his hard, Nazarin might be advised

to give him a chance earlier in the batting order as he is also a brilliant field and worth nursing.

K.C.C. altered their usual batting order slightly in order to give R. T. Broadbridge a chance of going in first and redeeming himself for his dropped catches and thus restoring much-needed confidence. He started off well enough and looked as if he would settle down but he was unfortunate to be caught when only 11.

Hung batted rather more aggressively than usual but his penchant for hitting across the line of the ball when driving proved his downfall. He was badly dropped at cover by Kitchell off a "dolly" but was held by Rumjahn a short while later.

Mackay, who succeeded, hooked Minu hard off the first ball he received only to have the four brilliantly stopped by K. M. Rumjahn, who was performing great things in the region of square-leg, and two balls later straight-drove a half-volley from Minu which the bowler held about six inches off the ground.

Not So Good For K.C.C.

The situation was not now so rosy for K.C.C. as three wickets were down for 42 but Francis Lay settled down quickly and played Minu very well. His cover-driving was magnificent and, being less impetuous than usual, he played a really valuable innings of 34 which placed K.C.C. well on the way to victory.

Meanwhile Anderson had been scoring freely all round the wicket although he was rather restrained when up against Minu and when he was joined by Teddy Fincher it was apparent that K.C.C. would win easily which they eventually did with 10 minutes to spare.

Minu was fighting the ball very well and spinning fiercely and his display on Saturday was easily his best of the season; the other I.R.C. bowlers were very mediocre.

First Point For C.S.C.C.

On a wicket which gave the bowlers no assistance whatever, Civil Service secured their first point, at the expense of Club de Recreio.

Civil Service batted first and lost Attwell off the second ball of the innings to a catch behind the wicket. Richardson and Perry settled down and added 44 runs but not before Perry had been badly dropped by Soares at mid-off. Neither batsmen took chances and they were content to go along quietly.

In the absence of Ozorio, L. G. Gosano opened the Rebello bowling with his brother Eddie but it was soon obvious that it was not his day. I am told that he bowled absolute tripe, while Eddie, on the dead wicket, was not as impressive as usual.

Griffiths, who succeeded Perry, did not stay very long, Silva securing his wicket with the l.b.w. rouble but there Recreio's successes ended for a long time. Colledge batted confidently although his

RETURN MATCH BETWEEN K.C.C. AND H.K.C.C.

The return two-day match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong Cricket Club has been fixed for Saturday, March 22, starting at 2 p.m., and Sunday, March 23, starting at 11 a.m.

bad knee still seemed to be troubling him, while Fortescue, although some of his scoring shots were lucky, batted better than he has done for a long time. Later Wright hit breezily and scored 16 useful runs in two overs.

Recreio Bat

The innings closed at about 4.25 and with only two bowlers on whom to call after Perry and McLellan, it did not look too good for Civil Service. Baker had strained himself rather in the two-day match between Club and K.C.C. and, in going for a short run while batting he had pulled a muscle so badly that he was unable to field.

Soares, however, normally the most enterprising of batsmen chose Saturday to decide to play canny and his respectful treatment of Perry and McLellan had the effect of bowling these bowlers in and thereafter they were right on top. Had they been colored Recreio would probably have won but they never lost their length and attacking them usually led to disaster.

Eddie Gosano tried to hit and was out, while Prata lost his wicket in going out to one of McLellan's shorter balls and although G. N. Gosano and M. A. Remedios appeared to be in no difficulty with the bowling they could not score nearly quickly enough.

Recreio were at no time in danger of losing but after letting their early scoring opportunities pass them by it must also be said that they did not look like winning. Providing neither they nor K.C.C. drop any points in their remaining matches they must now beat K.C.C. outright in order to win the championship.

MISS RICHARDS' SUCCESS

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 6.6 miles resulted:

Yacht	Time	Owner
Gull	4.18.33	Miss Richards
Isobel	4.18.47	(H. L. Berridge)
True Blue	4.20.21	(F. C. Manning)
Arki	4.21.33	(W. H. Browne)
Widgeon	4.21.39	(J. B. Dobbs)

SECOND DIVISION

THRILLING MATCH AT THE VALLEY

By "Adrem"

ONE OF THE FINEST MATCHES the League is likely to produce this season was played at the Valley on Saturday between Craigen-gower Cricket Club and Civil Service Cricket Club in Junior Division.

From being in the very comfortable position of only having to score a further seven runs with four wickets in hand, Craigen-gower suffered some anxious moments before the necessary runs were scored and when their last man came in the scores were tied.

At this stage Hamson played a ball in the direction of point, who jumped for a possible chance and just fell short. C.C.C. then went on to clinch the match.

Civil Service, having first lease of a true, fast wicket, lost two wickets for 16 but Ainslie was then joined by Barrow and the score taken to 72 before Barrow was bowled by Way.

The advent of the latter turned the tide in favour of Craigen-gower. Once the partnership was broken there was no stopping A. M. Omar and he finished off with a spell of 4 for 19 and Civil Service were all out for 97.

Way bowled better than he has done for a long time. He kept a very fine length and was turning the ball a lot.

Omar's Bowling

Omar bowled well enough but he was rather lucky to have taken so many wickets—the C.S.C.C. batsmen appeared to be playing him on his reputation. U. M. Omar, on the other hand, has bowled consistently well this season but has had no luck.

Ainslie played a very fine innings for Civil Service. At the moment he does not possess a great many scoring shots but he plays a very straight bat and off-drives very nicely.

Hung and Broadbridge gave Craigen-gower a good start, the former batting aggressively as is his wont and the latter waiting for the loose ones. Runs came freely, particularly when U. M. Omar was batting. The last-named hit furious y and in one over—from Ainslie I think—scored almost 20.

The unfortunate accident to Broadbridge started the C.C.C. rot which has already been described. Broadbridge attempted to hook a fastish ball after he had been batting for a long time, and was hit full on the mouth. He was forced to leave the field and was taken to Tung Wah Hospital with badly cut lips and sans a couple of teeth.

Near the end, when Craigen-gower were in such sorry straits, it was hoped that he would get back in time to bat if necessary. Actually he did not return to the ground until 6 o'clock, ten minutes after the match had finished, so he would not have been much use if Craigen-gower had not managed by that time to win.

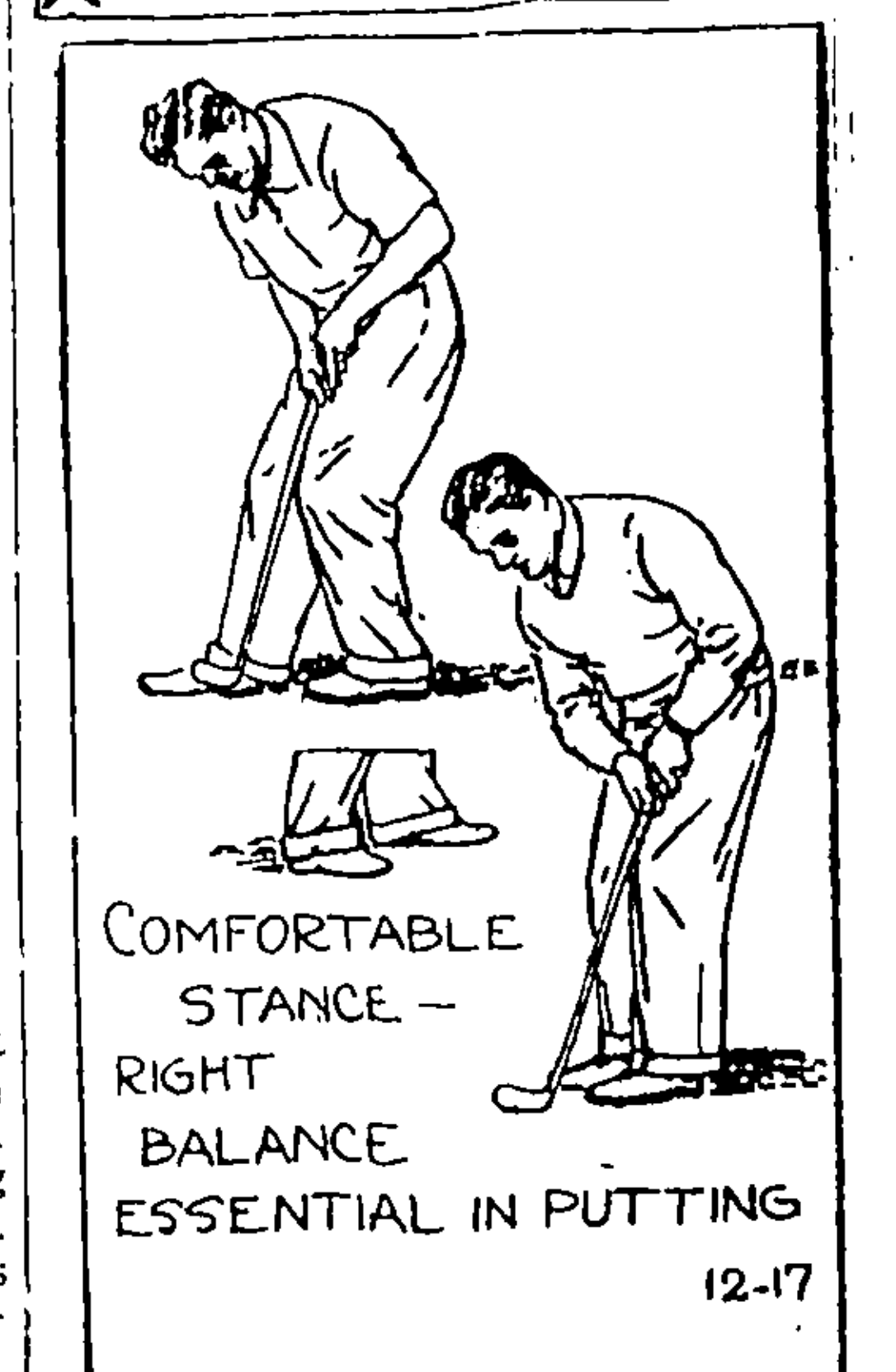
Smith took 5 for 26 but I am told that he was very erratic and that these figures rather flatter him.

Abbas Beats Varsity

Thanks to the fine all-round form of M. R. Abbas, I.R.C. 2nd XI had an easy win over University. Abbas scored 89 of the Indians' total of 179 for 7 dec., and then proceeded to take 6 for 34. Young Arculli also bowled well for the winners but there was little else in the match of particular note.

K.C.C. did little to distinguish themselves in their match with Police although they won by 70 runs. Against a team who were without their regular opening bowlers K.C.C. scored only 134, of which Baxter made a typical 67, Rapley 24 and Curtis 25 not out. Cause of the damage was Danbrowsky, who got among the wickets and took 6 for 10.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUTTING FREEDOM

By BEST BALL

In putting, the object is to knock the ball into the hole and so long as one can do this, it would seem to matter little what form he used. For methods, stances, even strokes in putting differ widely. Each golfer adapts a stance, which he feels gives him the greatest measure of comfort and balance compatible with accuracy.

Johnny Revolta and Bobby Jones above use different stances, different strokes yet their position over the ball is entirely without strain. Jones' stroke consisted of long, smooth backstroke which floated gracefully onto the ball and followed through prominently in the same velvet like fashion. Revolta's backswing is restricted but his follow through long. To the spectator, the backswing seems a jerk, ending abruptly in a shove through the ball. The formula works for Revolta, its very brevity brevity apparently reducing the chances for errors. To reduce strain, plant the feet comfortably and bend the knees. A feeling of freedom here will allow a freer stroke.

Next Article—Digging In.

M'SEX BEAT Y.M.C.A.

Middlesex, without Berry, trounced a European Y.M.C.A. team 6-2 in a water-polo encounter at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday. Y.M.C.A. failed to appear with a full side and the team was made up to strength by S. H. Wong, a spectator. Y.M.C.A. were without Railton for the first four minutes and during this period Middlesex scored four goals. Hindon being in great form with long range shots which Wong, of Lai Tsun fame, was unable to reach.

BADMINTON

ANOTHER
WIN FOR
K.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club registered yet another success in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, this time at the expense of Police, and are now in a strong position for the Sectional championship.

In the other two matches played St. Andrew's easily beat Kowloon Tong, for whom Peter Fletcher made his first appearance of the season to help Richard Lee to win two games, and King's College scored another two points, their victims being Victoria Recreation Club.

Following are detailed results:
At home St. Andrew's beat Kowloon Tong by 7 games to 2.
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's),
beat R. M. Lavalie and S. T. Chung 21 11.
beat P. Lo and M. S. Lee 21 6.
beat R. E. Lee and P. Fletcher 21 16.
W. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's),
beat Lavalie and Chung 21 8.
beat Lo and Lee 21 12.
lost to Lee and Fletcher 12 21.
M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's),
beat Lavalie and Chung 21 12.
beat Lo and Lee 21 14.
lost to Lee and Fletcher 13 21.

Police v K.C.C.

At Headquarters, Police lost to Kowloon C.C. by 1 game to 8.
W. Gilles and L. Gordon (Police),
lost to P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher 12 21.
beat J. L. Anderson and Jones 21 9.
lost to A. Zimmermann and D. H. Hazell 17 21.
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police),
lost to Wynter-Blyth and Fisher 8 21.
lost to Anderson and Jones 10 21.
lost to Zimmermann and Hazell 6 21.
J. Ferrier and S. Hogarth (Police),
lost to Wynter-Blyth and Fisher 1 21.
lost to Anderson and Jones 3 21.
lost to Zimmermann and Hazell 4 21.
The match between Recreation and Chung Wah was postponed and will be played on Friday.

King's v V.R.C

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 games to 2.
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's),
beat D. M. Xavier and S. A. Ramjahn 21 15.
beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares 21 9.
beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios 21 1.
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's),
beat Xavier and Ramjahn 21 13.
lost to Basto and Soares 15 21.
beat Castro and Remedios 21 15.
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's),
lost to Xavier and Ramjahn 19 24.
beat Basto and Soares 21 10.
beat Castro and Remedios 21 10.

LEAGUE TABLE

	SECTION "A"					Games	Pts.
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.		
King's	4	0	4	28	8	8	
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4	
Recreation	3	1	2	17	10	4	
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	26	2	
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0	
	SECTION "B"					Games	Pts.
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.		
K.C.C.	5	0	5	31	14	10	
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6	
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	20	25	4	
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21	4	
Police	5	5	0	8	34	0	

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HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INVITE ENTRIES FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WILL BE HELD SHORTLY.

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Entries must be received by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Talan, American Lloyd Travel Service, Shell House, not later than Saturday, February 15.

Ordnance Corps Give Service Corps A Fright

By "Referee"

SERVICE CORPS were fully extended in their Second Division football game at Sookunpoo yesterday by Ordnance and it was only in the closing stages of the game that they gained an ascendancy over their opponents.

Ordnance were without several of their regular players and on the whole did well as they seemed to be able to suit themselves better to the slippery state of the ground.

Reynolds again played a good game for Ordnance in goal while both the backs, Adams and Russell, showed up well particularly in the second half.

In the intermediate line, Stephens, in the pivotal position, was a hard worker and his tackling spoiled many a promising move of

the Service Corps' forwards. Nicholls, on the right, tackled well and his clearances were good. His head-work saved his side on several occasions. Duffield was the pick of the forward line. Playing at inside-left he showed good ball control and sent Pennington through on numerous occasions but the left winger could not keep

his feet and passes often went astray.

Service Corps' forwards were not as dangerous as usual and only Glen, on the right wing, was up to usual form. In the second half this player was prominent with his runs down the wing and scored two goals in addition to having a hand in another.

Clarke and Young did some good work in the centre but their passes were often intercepted while Martin only came into his own in the second half.

Smart, at right half, was the pick of the intermediate line while Young's heading enabled him to clear often.

The Scoring

Ordnance took the lead in the first half through Hewitson but

Morgan placed Service Corps on level terms soon after.

In the second half Stephens gave his side the lead with a well-placed free kick and a few minutes later Ordnance should have increased the lead but Pennington, when well placed, shot weakly and Mattison cleared.

Service Corps equalised through Martin from a centre from Young and shortly after missed a penalty.

Play was still very even and Glen placed his side in the lead for the first time with a good shot and before time the same player added another.

SERVICE CORPS—Mattison, Murray and Bradshaw; Smart, Young and Hammond; Glen, Clarke, Morgan, Weir and Martin.

ORDNANCE—Reynolds, Adams and Russell; Nicholls, Stephens and Standing; Lines, Roberts, Hewitson, Duffield and Pennington.

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CABINET CHANGES LIKELY

The question of a successor to Lord Lloyd, Secretary of the Colonies, is complicated by the fact that Lord Lloyd was also Leader of the House of Lords.

Only other Secretary of State in the Lords is Viscount Cranborne, and he is a newcomer.

In some quarters the suggestion is made that Lord Harlech, who is now one of the Civil Defence Commissioners, be recalled to take over both positions, while others suggest that the Duke of Devonshire is in the running.

Constitutionally there must be two Secretaries of State in the Lords, so the present vacancy

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, On Board a British Battleship)

UNDETERRED BY THE new threat from the skies Britain's powerful eastern Mediterranean battle fleet has once again put to sea.

Taking up the gauntlet flung down by the Luftwaffe on the decks of the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* in the epic seven-hour duel last month, the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, issued a stirring signal to all ships that "Italian or German, these pests must be shot out of the sky."

The German and Italian air challenge has failed to hinder fleet activities.

Certain units have fulfilled a highly important mission in the central Mediterranean, and light forces along the Libyan coast have maintained uninterrupted operations.

Far from shrinking before the aerial threat, the fleet is carrying the war into the enemy's camp, ready to make or seek an engagement.

Not Accepted

In the fourth day of the present voyage the British challenge has not been accepted.

The fleet has completed covering operations uneventfully and

has exercised well within range of enemy aircraft — without producing a reply from the enemy. — Reuter.

MOUNTING THE HIGH HORSE

A threatening tone was used by the Spanish newspaper "Arriba" yesterday in an article attacking the British blockade and those who "within and without are trying to paralyse Spain."

After stating that thus far Spaniards have been able to rest from their recent battle and forgive the enemies who put obstacles in the way of their progress, the newspaper adds: "But henceforth we must be united and vigilant round our flag."

"The moment has come when action must succeed words and a wrathful offensive replace a prudent defence. If we, with our present circumstances at home and elsewhere are to improve and Spain is to be something more than a desert in which the last hungry groups of an old race of soldiers are encamped."

The article follows a number of allusions in the press and speeches during recent days to the blockade as one of the causes of Spain's food shortage. — Reuter.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM

(Continued from Page 1)
there are caravan roads says the correspondent, direct to Benghazi, besides the coast road, and it does not appear impossible that British tanks will again carry out another successful operation.

Italy's steady reverses and losses must have had a depressing effect in Italy and now that country's twenty thousand colonists are threatened.

There is another interesting detail, the Free French forces blow at Mersut, which is yet another proof of General De Gaulle's strong position in French Equatorial Africa.

The French

One cannot help reflecting, the correspondent goes on to-day, on how conditions would have been now had the French Government not capitulated but continued to fight in Africa.

There would have been favour-

STOP PRESS

Contrary to rumours, the restrictions on port clearances from Hong Kong of British and Allied ships to French Indo-China ports have not been lifted, the "China Mail" was informed officially this afternoon.

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Money and articles, valued at \$125 were stolen from No. 46, Wing Lok Street, between 1.30 a.m. and 7 a.m. yesterday.

able prospects of defeating the Italian power in Tripoli and fighting a vulnerable Italy from bases in Algeria and Tunis.

Perhaps such a situation may arise, the correspondent concludes, as a result of the conflict now going on between Laval and Petain. — Reuter.

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